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THE AMHERST BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual Reports for 1954

Amherst, New Hampshire

In Memoriam

Ernest Holbrook Peaslee
Born in Amherst November 12, 1876
Died January 5, 1955
Served the Town of Amherst as a
Selectman for 16 Years
Representative in State Legislature 1927-28

Arthur L. Daniels
Born in Amherst May 15, 1900
Died November 26, 1954
Served as
Fire Warden March 1928 - November 1954
Fire Chief January 1954 - November 1954

One by one we miss the handclasps
That so warm a welcome gave
One by one the voices silenced
In the stillness of the grave.

Cover Picture: See Inside of Back Cover

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of the

Town Officers

of

Amherst, N. H.

for

Year Ending December 31, 1954

Also

Officers of School District

Year Ending June 30, 1954

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Harold H. Wilkins

Selectmen
Ernest C. Stewart, 1 Year
James F. Wanless, 2 Years
Allen D. Howard, 3 Years

Treasurer
Catherine A. Kruger

Town Clerk
Catherine A. Kruger

Tax Collector
Hiram R. Elliott

Highway Agent
Harold L. Aldrich

Constable
Albert Junkins

Auditors
Orson H. Bragdon George H. Howard

Supervisors of the Checklist
Hiram R. Elliott Lilla M. Brown
George Knight

Sexton of Cemeteries
Clarence H. Hagar

Fire Wards
Arthur L. Daniels and Frank F. Richardson, Chiefs
Frank F. Richardson and Edwin R. Locke
1st Assistant Chiefs
Edwin R. Locke and Edward Marchildon
2nd Assistant Chiefs

Trustees of Trust Funds

Meric G. Arnold, 1 Year — Arthur Bonney, 2 Years

Howard Arnold, 3 Years

Library Trustees

Cleaveland Campbell	1 Year
Margaret Moser	1 Year
Richard Le May (resigned)	2 Years
Rev. Frank M. Weiskel	Serving Temporarily
Bertha L. Piper	2 Years
Margaret Seamans	3 Years
Henry F. Merrill	3 Years

ZONING OFFICIALS

Administrative Official

William C. Vose

Board of Adjustment

Fred Mosher	1 Year
Fred Vatcher	2 Years
Arthur L. Underwood	3 Years
John C. Duff	4 Years
James F. Wanless	5 Years

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls to open at 1 p. m. and close at 7:30 p. m.

You are hereby notified to meet at Amherst Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1955, next at eight of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount of 1½% on property taxes paid by May 1st, 1955. Any persons paying on their 1955 tax an amount equal to 80% of their 1954 tax to be allowed the benefit of 1½% discount on their property tax bill if paid in full by December 1st, 1955.

5. To see if the town will vote to increase the membership of the Ways and Means committee from the present number of six to seven.

6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $250.00 to install Automatic Emergency Lights in the Auditorium, Hall, and Dining Room of the Town Hall as required by State law.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appro-

priate $300.00 to purchase a new typewriter and desk for the town Clerk and Treasurer and to clean and repair the typewriter now in use in that office which will be transferred to the Selectmen's office. The typewriter now in the Selectmen's office to be traded in, as it is no longer usable.

8. To see if the town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a committee of three to work with the Selectmen, to survey the Town Hall for necessary repairs to the main entrance hall and the dining room which are in poor repair, and present a very poor appearance to visitors and citizens alike and to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed $2,000.00 to be used by the Selectmen to make the repairs agreed upon by the Selectmen and the committee.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $300.00 to continue the curbing and grading on the middle common to the extent this amount will allow.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $75.00 for flame proofing the combustible materials on stage of the Town Hall Auditorium, to comply with the Fire Prevention Laws.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $150.00 to the Merrimack Valley Region Association as the town's share in publicizing and promoting all interests in this region, or act in relation thereto.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $100.00 for pointing up the foundation of the Town Hall, to prevent rodents from entering and keep the floors warmer.

13. To see if the town will accept the transfer of the fire alarm system from the Amherst Village District to the town.

Preamble to Article 14: Your Selectmen wish to point out that the steel bridge on State Route 122 across the Souhegan River is the property of the Town of Amherst and does not meet the specifications of the State so they will not take over and maintain this bridge.

During the past year we have faced a serious problem with this bridge as it is approximately 43 years old and the concrete deck or driving surface has started to disintegrate resulting in holes in the deck and repairs are very difficult to make as the concrete reinforcing and steel construction in the deck have also depreciated.

Your Selectmen have had the State Highway Department Bridge Specialists inspect the bridge and make recommendations as the town is liable for damage that may result from failure of this structure.

The Department of Public Works and Highways, State of New Hampshire, has made four recommendations, as follows:

Number 1 — Install two wood curbs with end flare, leaving a twelve foot lane for single line traffic. Estimated cost, $1,000.00.

Nothing would be done to check deterioration of the concrete deck — the curbs would merely restrain traffic from the weak sections. This work should last three or four years, depending on the rate of deterioration of the existing concrete deck.

No State or Federal funds are available for this work.

If the wood curbs are installed, the town will, in a short time, find itself facing the problem of making repairs to the concrete deck as described in Section 2, or constructing a new bridge as described in Section 3. Deterioration of the concrete deck will continue and at the end of the three to four year period will probably require a larger expenditure than now estimated in Section 2.

Number 2. Cut out and replace existing concrete curb and the adjacent part of the concrete deck and pour new concrete. Estimated cost is $4000.00, and as

in Section 1 this is maintenance work, therefore, no State or Federal funds are available. Renewing part of the concrete deck will retard deterioration in the remainder of the deck. Probably five or six years can be expected for the life of this work before additional repairs are necessary. The full width of 16 feet, 8 inches between curbs will be open for traffic if this type of repair is completed.

Further deterioration of the bridge slab will require the eventual construction of the new bridge, therefore Section 3 is suggested for your consideration.

Number 3. Construction of the new bridge and approaches, (eliminating curves), is estimated to cost about $120,000.00. It may be possible to secure approval of the route as part of the Federal Aid Secondary System thereby opening up the possibility of obtaining about 50% of the total cost from Federal funds, leaving about $60,000.00 to be financed with State and Town funds on a 50% basis. The State and Town shares would be $30,000.00 each if Federal funds can be obtained. Suggest consideration of an application for State Bridge Aid and a town appropriation of $30,000.00 toward the total cost. There are two reasons why it would be advantageous for the town to appropriate funds for construction of a new bridge.

(x) The existing structure will require continuing maintenance expenditures from the town until a new structure is eventually constructed.

(y) A new structure, when completed, will be a responsibility of the State and no further maintenance funds will be required from the Town.

(z) The new bridge will be a three-span flat slab on I beam stringer. The roadway will be 24 feet wide with two 2-foot, 6-inch catwalk and a metal guard rail alongside.

Number 4. A new deck on the existing bridge will cost about $7500.00, and the work will include remov-

ing the existing deck, cleaning and painting the stringers and constructing a new concrete deck with an asphalt-wearing course. There are no State or Federal funds which can be allowed for this type of work since this type of correction will not improve the carrying capacity or roadway width.

14 (A) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to proceed with proposal "three" as outlined in the preamble, and raise the necessary funds (approximately $30,000.00), with ten-year notes or bonds, at the best rates available, for the Town's share of the construction of a new bridge and approaches over the Souhegan River on State Route 122, to replace the present bridge, owned by the Town, and then turn the bridge, and all future responsibility therefore, over to the State.

(B) To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to proceed with proposal Number 4, as outlined in the preamble, and raise the necessary funds, (approximately $7500.00), with five-year notes or bonds at the best rate available, for the complete replacing of the deck on the old bridge over the Souhegan River on State Route 122 – the bridge to remain the property of the town and responsibility of the Town.

(C) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4000.00 (estimated), to proceed with temporary repairs to the bridge over the Souhegan River on State Route 122, as outlined in proposal Number 2 in the preamble – the bridge to remain the property and responsibility of the Town.

(D) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 (estimated), to proceed with temporary repairs to the bridge over the Souhegan River on State Route 122, as outlined in Proposal Number 1 in the preamble – the bridge to remain the property and responsibility of the Town.

15. To see if the town will vote to pay the Tax Collector ¾ of 1% of the total warrant of town taxes as a salary instead of $300.00 as paid at the present time. Recommended by the Auditors.

16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $762.89 for the installation of Mobile Radio Units for Civil Defense, Police and Fire Departments' use, in the Police and Fire Departments' cars, Town of Amherst.

17. To see if the town will vote for appointment by the Selectmen and Moderator of a committee of seven to review the present geographical divisions of the Town, now designated as districts, zones, village districts, etc., and the rules and regulations under which they operate; its objective to be the preparation of a report and plan for better coordination and progress through selection of zones to be classed as restricted residential, agricultural, trade, and restricted manufacturing with its report to be presented at such time as a Town Meeting may be held to act upon it and authorize such steps as may be needed to effectuate such of the Committee's recommendations as then meet with approval by majority vote. (By Petition.)

18. To see if the town will vote to amend the existing system of appointing members to the Road Commission for an indefinite period, as follows:

That the Selectmen shall each year appoint one new member to serve on the Road Commission for a period of three years' service to continue the original purpose of the Commission. (By Petition.)

19. To see if the town will vote to declare its willingness to accept a State Sales Tax in order to relieve the burden on the property tax, and to aid education.

20. To see if the town will vote to abolish the present Zoning Laws now existing. (By Petition).

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February, 1955.

ERNEST C. STEWART,
JAMES F. WANLESS,
ALLEN D. HOWARD,
Selectmen of Amherst.

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	$ 7,500.00	$ 10,226.46	$ 9,000.00
Railroad tax	35.00	27.45	25.00
Savings bank tax	150.00	66.89	65.00
Gas refund		53.74	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	20.00	49.21	40.00
T. R. A. refund		610.00	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	3,000.00	4,250.49	3,000.00
State share inv.		1.88	
For fighting forest fires		77.55	
Refund head tax		45.48	
Reimbursement a/ old age assist.		79.87	
Bounties	45.00	45.00	75.50
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	550.00	672.95	600.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	10.00	14.00	10.00
Fines & forfeits, municipal court	25.00	27.50	50.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	275.00	325.00	300.00
Income from trust funds		150.00	
Income of Departments:			
Telephone refunds		.70	
(a) Highway incl. rental of equip.		6.00	
Refunds		928.15	
Cemeteries (perpetual care)		1,295.00	
Sexton—green, rental and lot sales		109.50	
Fisk Highway income	25.00	26.75	25.00
Repair fence		2.00	
Tree committee		199.00	
Motor vehicle permit fees	5,500.00	8,767.04	7,000.00
P.T.A. painting refund		16.65	
Amount raised by issue of bonds or notes		10,000.00	

From Local Taxes other than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes, reg. at $2	1,500.00	1,402.00	1,500.00
National bank stock taxes	50.00	72.40	50.00
Yield tax—timber	2,500.00	145.75	1,000.00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	$21,185.00	$39,694.41	$22,740.50
Amt. to be raised by prop. taxes		$125,754.51	
		$165,448.92	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1954	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	$ 1,870.00	$ 1,870.00	$ 1,870.00
Town officers' expenses	1,700.00	1,873.32	1,700.00
Election and registration exp.	350.00	294.42	150.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,500.00	2,465.90	2,200.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	750.00	658.65	750.00
Fire department	3,500.00	3,614.10	3,500.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and care of trees	650.00	848.90	1,000.00
Bounties		75.50	
Health:			
Health Dept., including hospitals	50.00	15.00	50.00
Vital statistics	75.00	50.75	75.00
Article 10—Curbing	300.00	299.96	
Town dump & garbage removal	200.00	194.30	200.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Oiling	7,500.00	8,136.59	7,500.00
Town Maintenance:			
Summer	7,500.00	8,801.44	7,500.00
Winter	4,171.75	6,057.83	6,000.00
Street lighting	2,500.00	2,552.61	2,500.00
Gen. exp. of highway dept.	500.00	919.93	800.00
Town Road Aid	1,046.35	1,046.35	1,052.31
Libraries:			
Libraries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,800.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	500.00	237.66	500.00
Old age assistance	2,500.00	2,612.65	3,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	150.00	159.36	175.00
Aid to soldiers and their families	800.00	247.60	500.00

Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	600.00	589.33	700.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Snow fence	700.00	608.27	600.00
Cemeteries	1,150.00	1,322.70	1,350.00
Souhegan Nursing Association	200.00	200.00	200.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses, incl. dog damage	100.00	272.34	100.00
Auto permits	500.00	566.50	600.00
Trustees of trust funds		1,256.00	
Interest:			
On temporary loans	100.00	89.44	100.00
Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improve.			
Highways and Bridges:			
Article 5	300.00	285.50	
Article 6—Inv.	50.00	50.00	
Article 12—Mack Hill	975.00	1,039.00	
Hydrant rental	1,365.00	1,365.00	1,365.00
Town clock	25.00	25.00	25.00
Article 8—Cemetery fence	316.00	282.67	
Article 7—Tar kettle	750.00	720.10	
Precinct tax		6,479.05	6,479.05
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Head tax		3,822.55	
Taxes bought by town		1,372.05	
Temporary loan		10,000.00	
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:			
County taxes	10,000.00	10,157.88	10,200.00
School taxes	90,039.73	77,393.44	
Total Expenditures	$146,783.83	$162,429.64	

COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

		1953		1954
Land and Buildings		$1,775,475.00		$1,866,385.00
Electric Plants		110,912.00		117,447.00
Horses	36	2,050.00	37	1,815.00
Oxen			1	60.00
Cows	417	59,920.00	431	31,600.00
Sheep and Goats	102	1,020.00	34	315.00
Hens	18,000	19,805.00	21963	13,091.00
Hogs	10	200.00	8	100.00
Gasoline Pumps		2,255.00		1,500.00
Water Systems		300.00		300.00
Portable Mills		6,300.00		
Wood and Lumber		15,750.00		16,795.00
Machinery				5,400.00
Stock in Trade		23,650.00		22,100.00
		$2,010,637.00		$2,076,908.00
Veterans' Exemptions		129,500.00		138,035.00
		$1,881,137.00		$1,938,873.00
Tax Rate per $100.00		$5.22		$6.16
School Rate		$3.29		$4.58
Town Rate		$1.93		$1.58
Precinct Rate		$1.16		$ .96

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1954

	Approp. 1954	Credits and Reimbursements 1954	Total Available 1954	Expended 1954	Unexpended Balance 1954	Overdrafts 1954
Town officers' salaries	$ 1,870.00		$ 1,870.00	$ 1,870.00		
Town officers' expenses	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,873.32		$173.32
Election and registration	350.00		350.00	294.42	$55.58	
Town hall and other buildings	1,500.00	$342.35	1,842.35	2,465.90		623.55
Police department	750.00		750.00	658.65	91.35	
Fire department	3,500.00	77.55	3,577.55	3,614.10		36.55
Tree program	650.00	199.00	849.00	848.90	.10	
Health program	50.00		50.00	15.00	35.00	
Vital statistics	75.00		75.00	50.75	24.25	
Street lights	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,562.61		52.61
Library	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Town aid	500.00		500.00	237.66	262.34	
Summer Maintenance	7,500.00	146.59	7,646.59	8,801.44		1,154.85
Winter Maintenance	4,171.75	25.00	4,196.75	6,057.83		1,861.08
Oiling	7,500.00	754.05	8,254.05	8,136.59	117.46	
Highway general expenses	500.00	78.00	578.00	919.93		341.93
Town Dumps	200.00		200.00	194.30	5.70	
T. R. A.	1,046.35		1,046.35	1,046.35		
Memorial Day	150.00		150.00	159.36		9.36
Soldiers' aid	800.00		800.00	247.60	552.40	
Parks and playgrounds	600.00	7.00	607.00	589.33	17.67	
Cemeteries	1,150.00	150.00	1,300.00	1,322.70		22.70
Old age assistance	2,500.00	79.87	2,579.87	2,612.65		32.78
Interest	100.00		100.00	89.44	10.56	
Legal advice	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Nursing Association	200.00		200.00	200.00		

Town clock	25.00		25.00	25.00		
County tax	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,157.88		157.88
Special insurance fund	609.00	Included	in Town Hall	and Other	Buildings	Account
Hydrant rental	1,365.00		1,365.00	1,365.00		
Auto permits	500.00		500.00	566.50		66.50
Snow fence	700.00		700.00	608.27	91.73	
Bounties				75.50		
Trustees of Trust Funds				1,256.00		
Head tax		45.48		3,822.55		
Precinct tax				6,479.05		
Taxes bought by town				1,372.05		
Dog damage				172.34		
School District appropriation	90,039.73		90,039.73	77,393.44	12,646.29	
Temporary loan				10,000.00		
Article No. 5—adding machine	300.00		300.00	285.50	14.50	
Article No. 6—to complete Inventory	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Article No. 7—Tar Kettle	750.00		750.00	720.10	29.90	
Article No. 8—Cemetery Fence	316.00		316.00	282.67	33.33	
Article No. 9—Street Signs	200.00		200.00		200.00	
Article No. 10—Park Curbing	300.00		300.00	299.96	.04	
Article No. 12—Mack Hill Road	975.00		975.00	1,039.00		64.00
Totals	$146,783,83	$1,904.89	$148,688.72	$162,429.64	$14,188.20	$4,597.11
Balance due on school appropriation					12,646.29	
					$1,541.91	$4,597.11
						1,541.91
Net overdraft of appropriations and credits						$3,055.20

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	$21,616 97
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Grader fund	1,299 57
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
(a) Joint Highway Const. Accts., unexpended bal. in State Treas.	70 45
(b) Bounties	75 50
(c) Taxes; State owned forest lands	40 00
Reimbursement growing wood & timber	3,513 54
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1953	942 82
(c) Levy of 1952	333 21
(d) Previous Years	221 91
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1954	22,364 63
(b) Levy of 1953	917 15
(e) State Head Taxes – Levy of 1954	810 00
Total Assets	$52,205 75
Grand Total	$52,205 75

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due Tax Collector (comm.)	$ 59 16
Due to State:	
(a) State Head Taxes – 1954	
Uncollected	810 00
Collected – not remitted to State Treas.	182 00
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of appropriation	12,646 29
State and Town Joint Highway	

Construction Accounts:	
(a) Unexpended balance in State Treas.	70 45
Capital Reserve Funds	1,299 57
Total Liabilities	$15,067 47
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	37,138 28
Grand Total	$52,205 75

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$40,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	18,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000 00
Police Department, Equipment	100 00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	8,000 00
Equipment	10,000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,000 00
Equipment	6,000 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000 00
Dumps	100 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	130,000 00
Equipment	8,000 00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Harding and Cassidy lot, 2 acres	25 00
Whitmore lot	20 00
W. A. Barnard lot, 50 acres	250 00
Carrie Hall lot, 52 acres	250 00
Proctor Bros. lot, 25 acres	125 00
Geo. B. Hayden lot, 12 acres	25 00
Winslow lot, 7 acres	15 00
Total	$233,410 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

40 (1953) Auto Permits Jan. 1, 1953 to April 1, 1953		$ 132 48
1093 (1954) Auto Permits Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954		8634 56
		$8767 04

DOG ACCOUNT

235 Male or Spayed Dogs	$470 00
45 Female	225 00
11 for part of the year	12 55
2 Kennel Licenses @ $12.00 each	24 00
293	$731 55
Commission for licensing dogs	58 60
Total ammount paid to Treasurer	$672 95

The Law requires each owner or keeper to license dogs on or before the thirtieth day of April of each year. Notices will not be sent.

Male Dogs	$2 00	Kennel Licenses covering not more than 5 dogs	$12 00
Spayed Dogs	$2 00		
Female Dogs	$5 00		

All Dogs Three Months Old Must Be Licensed

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLLS, PRECINCT AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1954

Dr.

Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property	$125,754 51	
Polls	1,516 00	
National Bank Stock	50 00	
Total Warrant		$127,320 51
Yield Tax Warrant		1,099 22
Add Bank Tax		22 40
Added Poll Taxes		108 00
Interest Collected		8 11
Summons Charges Collected		23 80
Total Receipts		$128,582 04

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Remitted to Treasurer		
Property	$104,561 01	
Yield Tax	145 75	
Poll Taxes	1,220 00	
Interest	8 11	
Summons Charges	23 80	
		$105,958 67
Discount Allowed		60 18
Abatements, Property and Yield		98 56
Poll Taxes		100 00
Uncollected, Property and Yield		22,056 63
Poll Taxes		308 00
		$128,582 04

SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLLS, YIELD AND PRECINCT TAXES LEVY OF 1953

	Dr.	
Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954		
Property and Precinct Taxes	$15,860 19	
Poll Taxes	250 00	
Yield Taxes	560 81	
		$16,671 00
Added Taxes		
Interest Collected	$455 01	
Summons Charges Collected	15 80	
		470 81
		$17,141 81

	Cr.	
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property, Precinct and Yield	$15,517 85	
Poll Taxes	182 00	
Interest	455 01	
Summons Charges	15 80	
		$16,170 66
Abatements, Poll Taxes		54 00
Uncollected Taxes		
Property and Precinct Taxes	$804 91	
Yield Taxes	98 24	
Poll Taxes	14 00	
		917 15
		$17,141 81

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1954

	Dr.	
Taxes committed to Collector		
Total Warrant	$4700 00	
Penalties collected in 1954	10 50	
		$4,710 50
	Cr.	
Remitted to Treasurer		
Head Taxes	$3755 00	
Penalties	10 50	
		$3,765 50
Uncollected		
Head Taxes	$810 00	
Abatements during 1954	135 00	
		945 00
		$4,710 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1953

	Dr.	
Uncollected Head Tax as of		
January 1, 1954	$410 00	
Added Taxes	140 00	
Penalties collected	55 00	
		$605 00
	Cr.	
Remitted to Treasurer		
Head Taxes	$550 00	
Penalties	55 00	
		$605 00

REDEEMED TAXES
Collected During 1954

From Levy of 1948	$ 16 74	
From Levy of 1949	16 57	
From Levy of 1950	146 08	
From Levy of 1951	361 00	
From Levy of 1952	330 34	
From Levy of 1953	414 23	
	———	$1,284 96
Interest Collected		114 86
		$1,399 82
Remitted to Treasurer		$1,399 82

SUMMARY OF INTEREST AND SUMMONS CHARGES COLLECTED

Dr.

Interest on Redeemed Taxes	$114 86	
Interest on Levy 1953	455 01	
Interest on Levy 1954	8 11	
Summons Charges on Polls From Levy 1953	15 80	
Summons Charges on Polls From Levy 1954	23 80	
	———	$617 58

Summary of Tax Sales Account as of December 31, 1954

Dr.	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Balance uncollected January 1, 1954		$663.55	$483.73	$156.04	$93.31	$29.22
Taxes sold Town Sept. 29, 1954	$1357.05					
Interest collected	14.03	26.99	37.03	25.71	4.91	6.19
	$1371.08	$690.54	$520.76	$181.75	$98.22	$35.41
Cr.						
Remitted to Treas.	$414.23	$330.34	$361.00	$146.08	$16.57	$16.74
Remitted to Treas., Interest	14.03	26.99	37.03	25.71	4.91	6.19
Unredeemed Jan. 1, 1955	942.82	333.21	122.73	9.96	76.74	12.48
	$1371.08	$690.54	$520.76	$181.75	$98.22	$35.41

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – 1954

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954		$18,072 70
Received from:		
Hiram R. Elliott, Tax Collector:		
1954 Property, Poll and Head Tax	$109,536 56	
1953 Taxes	17,006 97	
Redeemed Taxes	1,356 12	
	———	127,899 65
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses	$ 672 95	
Auto Permits	$8767 04	
	———	9,439 99
Selectmen:		
Pistol permits and licenses	$ 8 00	
Toll calls	70	
P.T.A. part painting bill	16 65	
Repair fence (paid by School)	2 00	
	———	27 35
Clarence H. Hagar, Sexton:		
Use of greens	$12 00	
Sale of lots	97 50	
	———	109 50
Souhegan National Bank:		
Tax anticipation loan	$10,000 00	
	———	10,000 00
Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Fiske Highway Fund	$ 26 75	
Credit Cemetery	150 00	
	———	176 75
Tree Committee:		
Robert W. Seamans, Chairman		
Care of trees paid by owners	$199 00	
	———	199 00
Harold L. Aldrich, Road Agent:		
Grader rental	$ 6 00	
Sale of bricks	3 60	

Socony Vacuum Oil Co., drum ret'd	3 00	
Mrs. Theodora Lincoln, plowing	25 00	
Town of Bedford, sale 5 girders	75 00	
Oiling	754 05	
Gravel and parks	67 50	
		934 15
Filing Fees:		
Nelle L. Holmes	$2 00	
Lilla M. Brown	1 00	
Hiram R. Elliott	1 00	
George A. Knight	1 00	
Harold H. Wilkins, Sr.	1 00	
		6 00
Town Hall Rental:		
Donald Atkinson	$ 5 00	
Neighborhood Club	5 00	
P. T. A.	10 00	
Willard Batchelder	5 00	
Baptist Church, Women's League	15 00	
Souhegan Grange	80 00	
Men's Club	75 00	
American Legion	130 00	
		325 00
Charles J. Lincoln:		
Court Fines, 1953	$27 50	
		27 50
Gifts – Perpetual Care:		
William H. Hodgman	$200 00	
Walter R. Truesdell	150 00	
c/o Howard R. Locke	45 00	
H. F. Simon	150 00	
Margaret Murphy	150 00	
May F. Hinds	300 00	
Ralph H. Upham	300 00	
		1,295 00
State of New Hampshire:		
Forest lands–reimbursement	$ 49 21	
Tax loss–timber and wood	4,250 49	

State's share investment	1 88	
O. A. A. Recovery	79 87	
Forest fires	77 55	
Head Tax refund	45 48	
Gas refunds (credit Highway Dept.)	53 74	
Bounties	45 00	
Interest and dividends	10,226 46	
T. R. A. refund	610 00	
Savings Bank Tax	66 89	
Railroad Tax	27 45	
	———	15,534 02
Total Receipts		$184,046 61
Paid out by order of Selectmen		$162,429 64
Balance on hand, December 31, 1954		$21,616 97

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Town Officers' Salaries:
Appropriation: $1870.00

Expended:

Ernest C. Stewart, selectman	$350 00	
James F. Wanless, selectman	350 00	
Allen D. Howard, selectman	350 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, tax collector	300 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, treasurer	200 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, clerk	200 00	
Howard Arnold, trust fund	70 00	
Orson H. Bragdon, auditor	25 00	
George H. Howard, auditor	25 00	
	———	$1870 00

Town Officers' Expenses:
Appropriation: $1700.00

Expended:

Ernest C. Stewart, use of car	$ 20 00
James F. Wanless, use of car	15 00
Allen D. Howard, use of car	15 00
Assoc. of N. H. Assessors	3 00
Cabinet Press, printing	948 77
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	26 69
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	10 45
Catherine A. Kruger, supplies	45 01
Souhegan National Bank, safe deposit	5 00
Randolph Kruger, stamps	72 50
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide	14 50
George H. Howard, tax notices	4 50
Rotch Agency, Tax Collector's bond	75 00
Hiram R. Elliott, supplies	220 38
Marsh & McLennan, Inc., bonds	70 00
Donat Corriveau, register of deeds	54 94
Bernice B. Perry, photo	4 00
Harland H. Holt, bonds	63 33
Orville Perkins, survey, article 12	125 30
C. E. Bourassa, Register of	

Probate, furnishing names	1 30	
N. H. Tax Collectors' Assoc.	3 00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	65	
Sargent Bros., tax bills	46 00	
Burroughs Corp., service	18 00	
Branham Pub. Co., auto ref. book	4 00	
Rodney C. Woodman, flowers	7 00	
	———	$1873 32

Election and Registration:
Appropriation: $350.00

Expended:

Harold H. Wilkins, moderator	$24 00	
George H. Howard, asst. moderator	18 00	
Robert Hancock, ballot clerk	25 00	
Howard R. Locke, ballot clerk	27 50	
Lawrence Gendron, assist. to voters	5 00	
Dwight P. Brown, assist. to voters	40 42	
Frank L. Pearson, assist. to clerk	5 00	
Albert Junkins, police duty at polls	10 00	
Harold L. Aldrich, police duty	13 50	
Lilla M. Brown, supervisor	42 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, supervisor	42 00	
George A. Knight, supervisor	42 00	
	———	$294 42

Expenses Town Hall:
Appropriation: $1500.00

Expended:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	$117 60
W. D. Bell, gas	120 00
Public Service Co., lights	268 83
Draper Fuel Co., oil	718 00
Dwight P. Brown, janitor service	451 50
Boston Sign Co., signs	15 50
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., town bldgs.	555 62
Kenneth Durant, rubbish disposal	35 00
Reginald Going, painting	33 29
H. R. Locke & Sons, wiring	10 95

C. A. Spaulding, repairs	14 29	
Wilton Plumb. & Heating Co., service	10 65	
Abbott W. Lawrence, service	3 00	
Thrift Stores, Inc., suplies	8 42	
Harold Foote, floor repairs	4 50	
George W. Bliss, thawing pipes	17 25	
Chas. Sibley, cleaning windows, paint	44 00	
Amherst Village District, water	37 50	
		$2465 90

Police Department:

Appropriation: $750.00

Expended:

Albert Junkins, constable and chief	$462 10	
Cabinet Press, notices	6 75	
Harold L. Aldrich, special officer	55 44	
Frank Hall, special officer	23 00	
Howard French, special officer	41 50	
Minn. Mining Mfg. Co., reflector tape	9 30	
Eastern Fire Equip. Co., badges	16 15	
Belmont Supply Co., flares	5 78	
W. S. Darley & Co., belts	35 19	
Seamans Supply Co., batteries	3 44	
		$658 65

Town Road Aid:

Appropriation: $1046.35

Expended:

Treas. State of N. H.	$1046 35

County Tax:

Appropriation: $10,000.00

Expended:

Treasurer of Hillsborough County	$10,157 88

Hydrant Rental:

Appropriation: $1365.00

Expended:

Amherst Village District	$1365 00

Health Department:

Appropriation: $25.00

Dr. Oscar Burns, services in 1954	$15 00

Fire Department:

Appropriation: $3500.00

Expended:

Arthur L. Daniels, fire chief	$20 84
Arthur L. Daniels, forest fire warden	20 83
Frank Richardson, fire chief	4 16
Frank Richardson, forest fire warden	4 17
Frank Richardson, 1st. assist. chief	12 50
Edwin R. Locke, 1st assist. chief	15 00
Edward Marchildon, 2nd assist. chief	15 00
Arthur L. Daniels, fires	450 65
Frank Richardson, fires	101 25
Bob's Auto Service, gas and repairs	113 75
Amherst Village District, water	30 00
Milford Grain and Coal Co., oil	194 78
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., phone and net work	224 50
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	122 65
Clark's Garage, gas and repairs	50 63
Guy Nelson, plowing snow	12 00
Rotch Insurance Agency, insurance	186 20
Morgan Motor Parts, Inc., safety lights	67 10
Milford Fire Department, Durkee and Carter fires	34 70
Ureaka Fire Hose, hose	1389 60
Mass. Bonding and Ins. Co., liability	156 60
MacLeod Company, extinguisher recharge	7 50
Lawrence Engine Co., firemen's salary	200 00
Seamans Supply Co., batteries	16 44
Milford Pub. Works, hydrant rental	40 00
Robert Hancock, steward	100 00

H. R. Locke & Sons, batteries	3 20	
Thrift Stores, Inc., supplies	80	
Laurence Clark, insurance	19 25	
	———	$3614 10

Memorial Day:

Appropriation: $150.00

Expended:

Flag Shop, Inc., flags	$54 56	
Henry Davis, wreaths	18 00	
Harley-Sanford Post V.F.W. Band	70 00	
Maurice E. Barrett, speaker	10 00	
Milford Taxi Co., programs	7 00	
	———	$159 36

Town Poor:

Appropriation: $500.00

Expended:

State Cancer Commission, Grace Long	$87 95	
Ernest C. Stewart, Robbins case	5 00	
Thrift Stores, Inc., Roland Goodwin	9 66	
Moore Gen. Hospital, Eleanor Grant	80 05	
John T. Smith, ambulance, Eleanor Grant	15 00	
Dr. M. G. Rusche, Eleanor Grant	20 00	
Dr. Simon Stone, Sadie Putnam	20 00	
	———	$237 66

Souhegan Valley Nursing Association:

Appropriation: $200.00

Expended:

Souhegan Valley Nursing Association	$200 00

Soldiers' Aid:

Appropriation: $800.00

Expended:

Achbers Store, clothing	$ 45 64
Golden Rule Farm	186 52
Thrift Stores, Inc.	10 44

Laconia Clinic	5 00	
		$247 60

Legal Expenses:
Appropriation: $100.00

Expended:

Charles J. Lincoln	$100 00

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Expended:

Trustees of Trust Funds	$1256 00
(Includes Grader Fund $6.00)	

Long Range Tree Program:
Appropriation: $650.00

Expended:

Harold L .Aldrich, brush removal	$ 19 90	
The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co., Inc., tree care	764 00	
Harry Melendy, setting trees	40 00	
Guy Nelson, digging holes and loam	25 00	
		$848 90

Parks and Playgrounds:
Appropriation: $600.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, labor	$589 33

Street Lights:
Appropriation: $2500.00

Expended:

Public Serice Co. of N. H.	$2552 61

Library:
Appropriation: $1500.00

Expended:

Amherst Town Library	$1500 00

Auto Permit Fees:
Appropriation: $500.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger	$566 50

Precinct Tax:

Expended:

Amherst Village District		$6479 05

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation: $2500.00

Expended:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		$2612 65

Winter Maintenance:

Appropriation: $4171.75

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, Jan. 1, 1954 to Mar. 9, 1954	$3316 14	
Harold L. Aldrich, Mar. 10, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954	2741 69	
	———	$6057 83

Summer Maintenance:

Appropriation: $7500.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, gravel	$1265 80	
Summer Maintenace	7535 64	
	———	$8801 44

Oiling:

Appropriation: $7500.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	$8136 59	

Head Tax:

Expended:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	$3758 50	
H. R. Elliott, Head Tax	64 05	
	———	$3822 55

Snow Fence:

Appropriation: $700.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich		$608 27

Town Clock:

Appropriation: $25.00

Expended:

Dwight P. Brown		$25 00

Cemeteries:

Appropriation:	$1150.00	
From Trust Fund:	150.00	
	$1300.00	
Expended:		$1322 70

Bounties:

Expended:		$75 50

Damage by Dogs:

Expended:

James P. Melzer Est., dog license book	$ 12 50	
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	20 72	
Milford Municipal Court, Kenneth Wheeler, damage and cost	139 12	
		$172 34

Taxes Bought by Town:

1953 Levy

Expended:

Hiram R. Elliott, tax sales	$1357 05	
Donat Corriveau, expenses	15 00	
		$1372 05

Vital Statistics:

Appropriation: $75.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger, clerk	$50 75

General Expenses of Highway Department:

Appropriation: $500.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, supplies and repairs	$765 33

Marsh & McLennan, Inc., workman's compensation insurance	71 10	
Harland H. Holt, grader insurance	83 50	
	———	$919 93

Town Dumps:
Appropriation: $200.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	$194 30

School District:
Appropriation: $90,039.73

Expended:

Amherst School District	$77,393 44

Article No. 5, Adding Machine:
Appropriation: $300.00

Expended:

Burroughs Corporation	$285 50

Article No. 6, Printing Inventory:
Appropriation: $50.00

Expended:

The Cabinet Press, printing	$20 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, typing	30 00	
	———	$50 00

Article No. 7, Tar Kettle:
Appropriation: $750.00

Expended:

Hedge & Mattheis Company	$720 10

Article No. 8, Cricket Corner Cemetery Fence:
Appropriation: $316.00

Expended:

Elgin Burtt	$282 67

Article No. 9, Street Signs:
Appropriation: $200.00

Expended:	00 00

Article No. 10, Park Curbing:

Appropriation: $300.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, labor	$299 96

Article No. 11, Mack Hill Road:

Appropriation: $975.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	$1039 00

A NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Amherst continues to grow, with new homes and new population, the checklist now contain 1056 names of qualified voters.

The 1954 valuation does not reflect this increase due to a ruling of the Tax Commission requiring that the same percentage of total value be applied to livestock and stock and trade that is applied to real estate which resulted in a substantial decrease in assessed valuation of this type of property for 1954.

Our tax rate was $6.16 per $100.00 valuation for the town, plus $.96 per $100.00 valuation for the Water District, divided as follows:

	1953	1954
School Rate	$3.29 per $100.	$4.58 per $100.00
Town Rate	1.93 per $100.	1.58 per $100.00
	$5.22 per $100.	$6.16 per $100.00
Precinct	1.16 per $100.	.96 per $100.00
Total	$6.28 per $100.	$7.12 per $100.00

In this year's report we will attempt to review the year's activities in the various departments of the town government and this report will precede the reports of the other departments.

Town Hall

The Selectmen feel that there is urgent need of repairs to the main entrance hall and dining room in the Town Hall to provide for storage of supplies and greater sanitation and convenience. An article appears in the Warrant on this subject.

Town Budget

The comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures shows a net overdraft of $3055.20. Several departments are involved in this over expenditure of budget figures. No provision was made in the bud-

get for insurance and this charge $555.62 is included in Town Hall and Other Buildings expenditures, which was a total of $2465.90. In addition the light bill $268.83. Heating $718.00 and gas bill $120.00 were higher than last year due to the School Lunch Program and other activities in the Town Hall.

Summer Maintenance

The Summer Maintenance overdraft was $1154.85, including $312.60 for tile for the Mack Hill improvement, to replace the old culvert. The damage of wind and water resulting from two hurricanes.

General Expense

The Highway General Expense ran over $341.93 due to tires and repairs of the grader not anticipated.

T. R. A.

The T. R. A. appropriation for 1954 was used to grade and gravel the Chestnut Hill road from the end of the present hard surfaced road to the New Boston line, and to grade and gravel and hard surface the Ponemah Hill road from Route 122 to the Milford town line. Also to resurface the Mack Hill road where the correction in grade and curve was completed under Article No. 12.

Fire Department

Due to the resignation of Fire Chief Daniels in October, Frank F. Richardson was appointed to replace him, Edwin Locke was appointed to First Assistant Chief and Edward Marchildon was appointed Second Assistant Chief.

May we call your attention to the following extract from the State Laws regarding permits for fires.

Liability for Fires Without Permit

Any person causing or kindling a fire without permit of the Forest Fire Warden, when such permit is required, and any person by whose negligence or the negligence of his agents any fire shall be caused, shall

be liable in a civil action for the payment to the town, or the state or both, of the expenses incurred by the Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Warden in attending or extinguishing such fire. The items of expense of said fire shall be approved in writing by the State Forester, Chapter 37 of the Revised Laws of 1945.

Articles in 1954 Warrant

Article No. 5. A new adding machine was purchased at a net cost of $285.50; appropriation $300.00.

Article No. 7. A tar kettle was purchased at a net cost of $720.10; appropriation $750.00.

Article No. 8. The Cricket Corner Cemetery fence was repaired and painted at a net cost of $282.67; appropriation $316.00

Article No. 9. Nothing was expended for street signs; appropriation $200.00.

Article No. 10. The grading and curbing of the middle common was carried out to the extent of the appropriation; expended $299.96; appropriation $300.

Article No. 12. The relocating, grading and graveling of the curve and hill on Mack Hill road was completed at a cost of $1039.00, not including the new culvert, which was charged to Summer Maintenance ($312.60), the resurfacing with T. R. A. funds ($226.61) and a survey by qualified highway surveyors ($125.30) which was charged to the Town Officers' expense; appropriation $975.00.

Conclusion

We the Selectmen feel that we have had very good cooperation from all departments of the town government and thank each one concerned.

Ernest C. Stewart, our chairman during the last year, is retiring today, after serving the Town faithfully and conscientiously for three years, and we who have worked with him feel that all of our decisions have been made in the best interest of the town.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT
Harold L. Aldrich

During the Spring, the highway department graveled several sections of road. Two of the roads that were graveled were Carter Road and from Odell's Farm to the Frederick Haigis' place. Several muddy sections were also graveled.

During the month of March the summer grading program was started.

The summer maintenance program took care of all necessary road repairs, culverts and the cutting of brush.

Although we had a very wet summer, we were able to get our oiling program completed.

I am sure we all remember the two hurricanes we had in September. These storms cost the Town of Amherst several hundred dollars. Several large trees blocked roads in the outlying sections of town. The two major roads washed out were Ponemah Hill and Patch Hill; several other wash-outs were repaired. The storms coming late in the summer when town funds were about used up, made it necessary to run over the budget.

T. R. A. money was spent on Ponemah Hill and Chestnut Hill; plus oiling on Mack Hill repair job.

HAROLD L. ALDRICH,
Road Agent.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$7500 00	
Credits:		
Fisk Highway Fund	26 75	
H. W. Anderson	62 50	
Gordon Mann	3 60	
Motor Vehicle Dept. refund	53 74	
	$7646 59	
Hume Pipe of N. E. Inc., culvert pipe		$312 60
Wilton Lumber Co., post		7 44

South Street Garage, grader repair	5 00
Milford Grain and Coal Co., brick for catch basin	11 40
Clark's Garage, grader gas	103 96
Bob's Auto Service, grader gas	233 05
Ernest Gagnon, repairs and supplies	38 67
Joe Thompson, welding	84 00
Oliver Merrill, guard rails	30 72
Ralph Currier, gravel	10 40
Ernest Phinney, gravel	196 90
William E. Bedders, shovel	72 00
Joseph Fay, shovel	387 00
Bedders Construction Co., bulldozer	65 00
Joseph Fay, bulldozer	11 00
Oliver Merrill, loader	73 50
Arthur Underwood, tractor and mower	227 50
Orson Bragdon, tractor	161 00
Oliver Merrill, tractor	14 00
Oliver Merrill, power saw	80 50
Maurice Young, labor and power saw	52 05
William Pelletier, truck	101 40
Fred Willard, truck	105 60
Robert Bryant, truck	16 50
Hibbert Miles, truck	128 70
William Hart, truck	94 50
Richard Crocker, truck	313 50
Harold L. Aldrich, truck	884 60
Thomas Crocker, labor	10 50
Charles Reynolds, labor	3 15
Dewey Smith, labor	11 55
Richard Crocker, labor	8 00
Ernest Miles, labor	530 25
Frederick Howard, labor	551 50
Guy Bills, labor	434 30
Frank Bills, labor	1080 90
John Young, grader operator	1327 55
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman	1021 25
	$8801 44

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Credit:		
Mrs. T. Lincoln	$25 00	
Granite State Asphalt Products Co. Inc., cold patch		$ 73 20
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., parts		435 49
N. H. Explosives and Machinery Co. Inc., snow plow supplies		130 14
Socony Vacuum Oil Co. Inc., snow plow oil		10 95
Bob's Auto Service, grader parts		36 09
The County Stores Inc., supplies		2 84
Daniels Service, town barn oil		8 10
Merrimack Farmers Exchange Inc., salt		347 20
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., plow		500 00
Ernest Gagnon, repairs		56 01
Joseph Thompson, welding		69 00
Clark's Garage, grader gas		3 36
A. J. McKay, Hough pay loader		132 00
Oliver Merrill, loader		14 00
Robert Lang, loader		7 00
Preston Davis, tractor		136 50
E. E. Phinney, gravel		28 60
Robert Lang, truck and tractor		9 90
Hibbert Miles, truck		19 00
Frank Philbrick, truck		288 80
Oliver Merrill, truck		383 80
Richard Crocker, truck		781 60
Harold L. Aldrich, truck		978 20
Ernest Miles, labor		19 95
Frank Philbrick, labor		10 00
Hibbert Miles, labor		10 00
Oliver Merrill, labor		20 00
John Bowler, labor		38 25
Robert Hancock, labor		5 00
Thomas Crocker, labor		13 15
Richard Hutchinson, labor		65 00
Dewey Smith, labor		91 35
Richard Crocker, labor		156 00

Frederick Howard, labor	172 90
Guy Bills, labor	72 45
Frank Bills, labor	47 25
John Young, labor	193 25
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman	691 50
	$6057 83

SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	$700 00	
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, snow fence		$ 92 26
N. H. Explosives and Machinery Co. Inc., snow fence ties		16 66
Harold L. Aldrich, truck		133 40
Richard Crocker, truck		16 50
Ernest Howe, labor		8 00
Frederick Howard, labor		85 55
Guy Bills, labor		85 55
Frank Bills, labor		42 00
John Young, labor		52 00
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		76 35
		$608 27

OILING

Appropriation	$7500 00	
Credits:		
Robert Day	66 00	
James Wanless	36 00	
Ernest Stewart	44 50	
Reginald Going	13 25	
Wallace Warren	39 75	
Willard French	36 00	
Abbott Laurence	59 55	
Ernest Warren	98 75	
Leonard Hayward	236 25	
Donald Handy	21 00	
Justin Pestana	35 50	

Orson Bragdon	67 50	
	$8254 05	
Granite State Asphalt Prod. Co. Inc., patch		$ 726 52
Trimount Bituminous Products Co., oil		3473 38
Barrett Division, oil		1467 74
Thrift Stores Inc., rubber gloves and apron		6 40
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand		92 80
Oliver Merrill, loader		280 00
William Hart, truck		360 00
Richard Crocker, truck		128 70
Harold L. Aldrich, truck		611 80
Ernest Howe, labor		18 00
Richard Crocker, labor		21 00
Ernest Miles, labor		159 60
Frank Bills, labor		8 40
Guy Bills, labor		262 50
Frederick Howard, labor		310 10
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		209 65
		$8136 59

MACK HILL

Appropriation	$975 00	
Joseph Fay, shovel		$279 00
Joseph Fay, bulldozer		313 50
Maurice Young, labor and power saw		51 00
William Hart, truck		31 50
Hibbert Miles, truck		23 10
Joseph Fay, truck		130 00
William Pelletier, truck		37 00
Richard Crocker, truck		9 90
Harold L. Aldrich, truck		55 30
Guy Bills, labor		30 45
Ernest Miles, labor		36 75
Frederick Howard, labor		31 50
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		10 00
		$1039 00

DUMPS

Appropriation	$200 00	
Bedders Construction Co., bulldozer		$60 00
A. J. McKay, bulldozer		30 00
Ernest Miles, labor		4 20
Ned Locke, labor		1 10
George Boutelle,labor		1 10
Robert Locke, labor		1 65
Frederick Howard, labor		4 20
Guy Bills, labor		4 20
Frank Bills, labor		17 85
John Young, grader operator		32 50
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		37 50
		$194 30

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation	$500 00	
Credits:		
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Inc.	3 00	
Town of Bedford	75 00	
	$578 00	
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., supplies		$108 88
Rice's Inc., grader tires		294 84
State of N. H., signs		9 50
Daniels Service, town barn oil		6 70
Joseph Thompson, welding		12 00
Bob's Auto Service, parts		3 00
Ernest Gagnon, repairs		65 40
Wirthmore Grain Co., catch basin brick		38 75
Wilton Lumber Co., post		10 82
Milford Paint Works, paint		4 90
Oliver Merrill, culvert guards		11 52
Mabel Aldrich, bookkeeping		25 00
The County Stores Inc., supplies		55 36
Public Service Co. of N. H., town barn lights		17 50
South Street Garage, grader repairs		9 25

Harold L. Aldrich, supplies		14 33
Hedge and Matthers Co., supplies		29 28
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., grader oil		30 30
W. D. Bell, steam cleaning of grader		18 00
Grader Insurance		83 50
Workmen's Comp.		71 10
		$919 93

PARKS

Appropriation	$600 00	
Credit:		
Ernest Deering	5 00	
	$605 00	
C. A. Spaulding, fence repair		$ 31 15
Bob's Auto Service, mower gas		2 66
Clarence Hagar, sharpen and repair mower		110 35
The County Stores Inc., supplies		44 22
Richard Crocker, truck		13 20
Harold L. Aldrich, truck		18 00
Jimmy McCreary, labor		3 50
John Hanlon, labor		8 00
Thomas Crocker, labor		13 65
George Parks, labor		4 00
Ernest Howe, labor		44 40
Eino Soini, labor		23 75
Richard Crocker, labor		20 00
George Long, labor		27 30
Richard Brown, labor		76 15
Frederick M. Vatcher, labor		131 00
Guy Bills, labor		3 15
Ernest Miles, labor		7 35
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		7 50
		$589 33

PARK CURBING

Appropriation	$300 00	
Clarence Hagar, making over graves after removing curbing		$95 91
Harold L. Aldrich, truck		20 70
Guy Bills, labor		55 65
Frederick Howard, labor		51 45
Harold L. Aldrich, foreman		76 25
		$299 96

Arrests	14	
Accidents	6	
Careless and negligent operation	2	
Reckless operation	1	
Drunk	1	
Driving under influence and assault	1	
Stop sign violations	2	
Placed on file	1	
Unreasonable speed	4	
Yellow line violation	4	
Fatal accidents	1	
D. E. warning cards issued	8	
Warnings to operators of motor vehicles	35	
Abandoned car	1	
Highway and traffic duty	100	hrs.
Warning for speeding	7	
Stolen property	3	
Break and enter	3	
Theft of gasoline	1	
Shooting at night complaint	1	
Family trouble	1	
Memorial Day parade	1 man, 3	hrs.
Fourth of July Patrol duty, 1 man, 2 nights	13	hrs.
Disturbance calls	3	hrs.
Complaints	30	hrs.
Aid to other departments	6	hrs.
Collecting dog licenses	9	hrs.
Plates found and returned	2	
Dog complaints	9	
Dog bite	1	
Stray dogs	5	
Dogs disposed of	3	
Dog damage	2	
Dogs returned to owners	6	
Dogs killed by motor vehicles	2	
Stray animal complaints	1	
Animals returned to owner	1	

Emergency message delivered	1	
Emergency aid	2	
Warning to boys	1	
Inquiry from U. S. Civil Service	2	
Inquiry from U. S. Army Air Force	1	
Other inquiries	6	
Dances at lake	23	
Legion dances	35	
Town hall use requiring police	4	
Hurricane duty	13	hrs.
Civilian Defense meeting	1	
Air Raid tests	2	
Street lights reported out	2	
Traffic reported not working	2	
Bicycle safety — reflector tape supplied by dept.	2	hrs.
Hallowe'en duty 2 nights, 4 men	37	hrs.
F. B. I. Conference, attended by two men		
Sign ordered removed from highway	1	

This department wishes to extend thanks to State Police Sergeant Conti and State Troopers McBain and Coty, also Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry and the Milford Police Department for their cooperation.

I would like to carry out the bicycle program again this year and would like to see 100% cooperation from both the youngsters and parents as I think this is a very important and worthwhile project due to our increased traffic through Amherst.

It is also time for us to consider the installation of a two-way radio in our activities.

Let's all make our slogan "Drive to Stay Alive in '55."

ALBERT H. JUNKINS,
Chief of Police.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Called out of town for brush fire, Bedford	1
Slab fire	1
Chimney fires	8
Oil burner fire	1
Automobile fire	1
Grass and brush fires	8
Dump fires	3
House fires	3
Inspected oil burning equipment	26
False alarms	2

Paid firemen $572.73 for attending fires.

The firemen have had weekly practice during summer months. During the year 900 feet of 2½" double jacket coupled hose and 250 feet of 1½" double jacket coupled hose have been purchased.

FRANK F. RICHARDSON, Chief.

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF

To the Forest Fire Warden:

The following is suggested information to be enclosed with your own record in the Annual Report of your town:

In looking over the records I find that over one-third of the fires in District One in 1954 were from incinerators and burning without first securing a permit from the forest fire warden of the town where fire occurred. As all these thirty-three fires were in violation of the law, all of us citizens who own homes or rent property should try to the best of our ability to cooperate with the forest fire warden and fire chief in the town or city in which we live.

After the snow leaves the ground and the spring season arrives we all like to get out of doors and start to clean up the grounds and back sheds so before we start to burn, let's contact the forest fire warden of the town in which we live and get his view and permit.

GUY O. HOLLIS, District Fire Chief.

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

35. Permits. (b) No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any material, and no city or town shall kindle or maintain a fire or a public dump, in or near woodlands, pasture, brush, sprout, waste, or cut-over land, or where fire may be communicated to such land, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written permit from the forest fire warden of the town where the burning is to be done unless the same is in the presence of the warden or his agent.

36. Liability for Fires without Permit. Any person causing or kindling a fire without permit of the forest fire warden, when such permit is required, and any person by whose negligence or the negligence of his agents any fire shall be caused, shall be liable in a civil action for the payment to the town, or the state or both, of the expenses incurred by the forest fire warden or deputy warden in attending or extinguishing such fire.

Forest Fire Warden's Report:

Number of fires	5
Acres Burned	9
Number of Pirmits Issued	

FRANK F. RICHARDSON,
Forest Fire Warden.

SEXTON'S REPORT

1954, as you are aware, had a beautiful summer with plenty of rain to make our cemeteries' vegetation healthy looking. We did have, however, two dirty hurricanes to contend with, also a number of high winds to clean up after.

Two trees had to be moved by Mr. Young after the hurricanes. The loss of neither tree was detrimental to the cemeteries as one had been leaning badly since the '38 hurricane and the other was at the back of the Old Cemetery.

Meadowview Cemetery was greatly improved by the removal of the curbings (special appropriation of 1954) on four rough lots, at the same time greatly improving the Common on which they were placed. The monuments have been lowered, the lots made over at a lower level, and were a beautiful green last fall. Some of the adjoining lots were also made over (by regular appropriation) to correspond with the lay of the land, making six in all.

The Cricket Corner cemetery fence was made over, part of it new where needed, the rest straightened and all painted by special appropriation voted at Town Meeting in 1954 and your Sexton partially graded along the back entrance to the cemetery as promised in the 1954 Report, by regular appropriation. It needs a little more grading and will be seeded this Spring.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund used some of the interest on last year's fund to repair the fence around Meadowview Cemetery, getting it ready to be painted during the ensuing year.

There were fourteen burials in 1954. Six were from town, and eight brought in from out of town, one of which was an infant.

It is the desire of the Sexton to have our cemeteries looking as well as our surrounding communities. Of course it does run into money with helper's wages, ma-

terials, and rising prices. There are five cemeteries to care for which means a lot of territory to cover. If the town feels that the cemeteries are being cared for suitably, the Sexton would like to have the town vote more money for their care so that we can continue to give them proper attention.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,
Sexton.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

A review of the minutes of our meetings during the year is rather more interesting than might be expected because of the variety of matters which have required attention.

The Sexton's report will probably cover the two fence repair jobs for which funds have been provided; one the repairing and painting of the fence at Cricket Corner Cemetery (our share of the cost was $141.33), and the repairing of the fence at Meadowview for $198.17 in preparation for painting which was scheduled but not done because of the wet weather; it is now planned for this spring.

The matters having to do with that portion of our funds which are invested in several of the approved investment trusts require considerable attention, but the greater return from such investments justifies the time spent, and the actual keeping of the records will undoubtedly be less involved when the proper forms are developed.

The income from our investments is slightly greater than it was during the preceding year.

The following disbursements were made from income in 1954:

Amherst Town Library	$ 269 92
Amherst School District	487 04
Town of Amherst, Highway Maintenance	26 75
Cemetery Improvement and Maintenance	543 01
Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots	908 50
	$2,235 22

MERIC G. ARNOLD,
ARTHUR P. BONNEY,
HOWARD G. ARNOLD,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE

February 14, 1955

This Committee, after meeting and consulting with the departments and individuals concerned, has carefully considered each item in the Town and School Budgets and each article in the warrants at this date.

We have endeavored to arrive at as equitable recommendations as possible. We express our appreciation for the cooperation received.

TOWN WARRANT

ARTICLE 1:

No comment is necessary.

ARTICLE 2:

We recommend approval of each item in the Town Budget except as noted. We offer the following comments on some of the items.

Expenses of Town Hall and other Town Buildings: The bulk of the increase in this item represents unappropriated insurance on the town buildings, the remainder by the increased use of the Town Hall and attendant expenses of Heat, Light, Gas and Telephone.

Long Range Tree Program: This amount is approximately the same as expended last year, a portion of which was contributed by private subscription. Due to the increased presence of and inroads by the Dutch Elm disease we recommend approval.

Winter Maintenance: The handling of winter maintenance in this manner would be consistent with the rest of the Town bookkeeping. We feel the sum of Six Thousand Dollars reasonable, based on the experience of the past several winters. We recommend approval.

Libraries: The need for a part time Librarian resulting from the increased use of the Library justifies this increase. We recommend approval.

Old Age Assistance: This item is justified in view of additional demands on this fund.

ARTICLES 3 and 4:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 5:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 6:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 7:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 8:

Despite the need for such, there never has been a regular maintenance program for the Town Hall.

We recommend that the Committee be appointed, and that funds not exceeding $2,000.00 be appropriated for the completion this year of the most necessary repairs including the re-pointing of the foundation as described in Article 12.

We further recommend that the committee propose a long range plan for capital improvement and major maintenance together with a recommended annual amount to be appropriated for these purposes.

ARTICLE 9:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 10:

If Article 8 has been approved in respect to the Committee, we recommend that they consider the present state of repair of the stage curtain and this mater be handled by them.

ARTICLE 11:

We recommend that no money be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

ARTICLE 12:

Recommendation contained in Article 8 above.

ARTICLE 13:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 14:

From the standpoint of sound Town finance, we recommend approval of plan (A) listing the following reasons:

The town would be relieved of any liability responsibility.

This would eliminate the curve hazard now existing.

Future maintenance costs would be eliminated.
It would permit bus service between Amherst and Nashua.

ARTICLE 15:

In its present form, we do not recommend approval of this article.

ARTICLE 16:

We recommend that no money be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

SCHOOL WARRANT

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 7:

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 8:

We recommend approval of each item in the School Budget except as noted and offer the following comments on some of the items.

Items 2, 3 and 4: Increase in these items due largely to increase in assessed valuation and pupil load.

Item 6: A portion of the increase in this amount results from the increase in salaries. The balance is due to the need for an additional teacher by the necessity of splitting the 7th grade.

We recommend approval.

Items 7, 8 and 10: Per pupil costs, plus increased number of pupils are reasons for increases in these items.

Items 11, 12 and 13: No comment necessary.

Item 14: The amount asked is $2,285.00 consisting as follows:

$500.00 interior painting	$150.00 plumbing
$535.00 fire bell system	$100.00 minimum repairs
$1,000.00 reshingling Brick School roof	

In view of the increased expenditures required on the exterior of the buildings recommended in Item 22 and also Article 11, and in considering the present good condition of the interior paint, we suggest the amount asked for interior painting be reduced to $250.00.

Inspection of the Brick School roof indicates that the reshingling can again be safely postponed.

We recommend an appropriation of $1,035.00 for this item.

Item 16: After reviewing this item of transportation costs with the School Board, we feel that this matter has now been negotiated to the point where it compares favorably to the actual mileage costs of surrounding towns.

We recommend approval.

Item 19: Statutory obligation increased by increase of teachers' salaries.

Item 22: The amount asked is $1,000.00 for surfacing walks and a play area adjacent to the Clark School to cut down wear and tear and upkeep of the floors in the new school.

We recommend approval.

Item 23: The amount asked $740.00 is for:

$300.00 commercial type vacuum cleaner
$240.00 new desks
$200.00 new maps

We recommend approval.

Items 25 and 26: Increases in these items reflected by new school additions.

ARTICLE 9:

In view of our having insufficient information on this subject, we feel that we are not in a position to make a recommendation.

ARTICLE 10:

We recommend approval of this item.

ARTICLE 11:

We recommend approval of this article, and further recommend that future expenditures be incorporated as part of Item No. 14 of the School Budget for Repairs and Replacements.

GEORGE E. HAMMOND, Chairman
CARL E. DOANE
ROBERT S. GERARD
LAWRENCE C. HALL
JOHN H. MORISON
DEWEY W. SMITH

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Accrued Interest on hand Jan. 1, 1954	
Souhegan National Bank	$ 248 35
Manchester Savings Bank	57 44
Incorporated Investors Trust	1,324 08
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
Dividends and Interest received in 1954	2,362 71
	$5,992 80
Expended in 1954	$2,235 22
Accrued Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1954	
Souhegan National Bank	261 22
Manchester Savings Bank	1,496 14
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
	$5,992 80

GRADER FUND

On hand January 1, 1954	$1,249 47
Deposits	6 00
Interest Earned	44 10
	$1,299 57

Report of Investments of Common Trust Fund "A" of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1954

No. of Shares or Other Units			HOW INVESTED	COMMON TRUST "A" – PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT								
Jan. 1, 1954	Added in 1954	Dec. 31, 1954	Description of Investment	Balance Beginning Year	Receipts	Capital Gains Cash	Capital Gains New Cost	Transfers	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
			U. S. Treasury "G" Bonds	$35,000.00					$35,000.00			
			Various Savings Banks	1,393.82				$1,321.84	71.98			
621	111	748	Incorporated Investors Trust	7,374.68	$1,324.08	$ 3.24	$8,695.52		8,695.52			
	16		Incorporated Investors Trust		4.44			2.24	2.20			
369		369	Massachusetts Investors Trust	7,838.76		88.56	7,750.20		7,750.20			
220			Chemical Fund	4,826.48						$1,988.14		
	8	228	Chemical Fund			2.36	4,824.12		4,824.12			
272			Fidelity Fund	4,901.44					4,901.44			
			Fidelity Fund		45.38				45.38			
	4	276	Capital Gains Cash 1954			94.16			94.16			
				$61,335.18	$1,373.90			$1,324.08	$61,385.00		$2,048.44	
			COMMON TRUST "A" – INCOME ACCOUNT									
			Souhegan Nation Bank	$ 248.35								$ 261.22
			Manchester Savings Bank	45.41								1,440.91
111		0	Incorporated Investors Trust	1,324.08			$1,324.08			144.56		
111		111	Fidelity Fund	2,000.22								2,000.22
			Cash transferred from Principal Account		$1,324.08							
				$3,618.09	$1,324.08		$1,324.08			$2,132.70	$2,048.44	$3,702.35

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H. on December 31, 1954

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
Common Trust Fund "A"	Cemetery Library School Highway	See Accompanying Reports for Details	$61,335.18		$49.82	$61,385.00	$3,618.09	$2,132.70	$2,048.44	$3,702.35
Mary P. Nutt School Fund	School	N. H. Savings Bank	5,000.00			5,000.00		152.28	152.28	
New Funds (B)	Cemetery	Manchester Sav. Bank	1,900.00			3,150.00	12.00	77.73	34.50	55.23
New Funds(B) See Below	Cemetery	Manchester Sav. Bank		1,250.00						
			$68,235.18	1,250.00	$49.82	$69,535.00	$3,630.09	$2,362.71	$2,235.22	$3,757.58

DONORS OF NEW FUNDS

William H. Hodgman	Cemetery	$200.00
H. F. Simon	Cemetery	150.00
Walter R. Truesdell	Cemetery	150.00
Margaret N. Murphy	Cemetery	150.00
Stevens Hinds	Cemetery	300.00
Ralph H. Upham	Cemetery	300.00

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

1954, although a very wet year, was a disastrous one for trees in Amherst. The two preceding dry summers with our sandy soil definitely made them more susceptible to disease; and the two hurricanes did great damage.

To top it off, the ever-spreading Dutch Elm disease was discovered in Amherst for the first time — 6 elms — two in the Village, one in Ponemah, and three on Christian Hill. These six must come down and the bark burned, which will be done this winter.

The spring spraying of elms was done more thoroughly than in the past. However, it now becomes apparent that if we are to do our best in maintaining our present fine elms, a double spraying at resulting higher cost should be done this coming spring.

Considerable individual tree work was done on town trees and particularly at the Old Cemetery. It was gratifying that so many residents had spraying and special work done on their own. Only by town and individuals working on the problem together, can the preservation of our present growth be maintained. We look forward to the continuing of this concerted effort.

Arrangements have been completed for the spring planting of five young Rock Maples on town land in the Village as a start of a yearly plan to replace fallen trees and get some younger growth underway.

Good, healthy trees on both private and town property are an important asset to Amherst. In addition to supervising the town program we would be more than pleased to be of assistance on any individual problem.

Respectfully submitted,

CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,
F. TENNEY CLOUGH,
ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chairman.

January 14, 1955.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE

During the calendar year 1954, 35 permits were issued under the Zoning Ordinance compared with 22 for the year 1953.

WILLIAM C. VOSE,
Administrative Official.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSION — 1954

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Amherst:

Due to the inquiries of taxpayers, expressed to your Selectmen as to the reason for the long range program of road improvements of the last few years, and the reason for the existence of the Road Commission, we submit the following explanation, in deference to their request:

Because the results obtained during previous years did not prove to be in the best interests of the town as a whole, a number of taxpayers met in session and decided something had to be done to bring the road department in line with the existing and prospective demands, and to provide a method to bring about a systematic road improvement program each year and for a series of years.

And to take such action as might be necessary to insure the financing by T.R.A. funds entirely.

It was also decided, that an advisory commission should be appointed by the Selectmen to assist the Road Agent and Selectmen at such times as they might desire.

This resulted in the adoption of Article 30 as contained in the Town Report for the year ending June 30, 1946 ,and the first Long Range Program, which was adopted.

Every thinking taxpayer, realizes, that roads which will provide safe rapid passage over their surfaces, at all times of the year, is a "must."

With this thought in mind, a system of main and feeder roads was laid out based on the factual needs, and distributed equitably in the different districts of the town.

This year, with the completion of the balance of the Thornton Ferry Road, the balance of the Chestnut Hill Road, the Green Road, the first Long Range Program will be accomplished.

A new three (3) year program including the above unfinished roads has been projected for consideration. The following roads are contained therein, the Roy Davis Road, Dump Road, Patch Hill Road, Lincoln Road, Austin Road, Old Milford Road, Brook Road, Junkins Road and Warren's Road.

A careful survey of these roads was made and tentative or estimated costs compiled so that the Selectmen can adjust the mileage to be undertaken in proper relation to funds available.

We suggest immediate installation this spring of proper railings or guards at culverts, this to include luminous markers visible from either road direction.

We also suggest directional signs of the readable size letters at junction of intersecting roads.

We also suggest, continued co-operation with the State in the contributions to T.R.A. and subsequent construction.

Progress has not been as rapid as could have been wished, but to use the State's statement, Amherst is far ahead of most towns and is well on the way to a complete system in keeping with its requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following town officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, Judge of Police Court, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. February 10, 1955.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Town Auditors.

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

If one word were to be used to describe the outstanding feature of the library during the past year, that word would certainly be **Activity.** During the period January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1954, sixty new patrons have registered their names.

During the year 420 books have been accessioned to the library. Of these 147 books have been classified as adult fiction, 50 as adult non-fiction, 159 as juvenile fiction, and 64 as juvenile non-fiction. The library subscribes to 19 magazines and one newspaper; 2 magazines have been given regularly.

Gifts of books, magazines, and money have been made by the following people: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Le May, Mrs. Catherine Kruger, Miss Ethel Putnam, Mrs. Philip B. Holmes, Mr. Arthur Bonney, Mr. Donald Swain, Mrs. Charles Carruth, Mr. Thurston Whittle Estate, Mrs. Stanley Brown, and Mrs. Carroll Chase.

Special mention of the gift from Mrs. Charles Carruth should be made in this report. It includes 16 volumes Victor Hugo's works, 12 volumes Dumas, 54 volumes Scott's Waverley Novels, and 8 volumes Hume's History of England.

In February, Mrs. Willard French volunteered her services and since that time has been appointed as Assistant Librarian.

The Bookmobile owned and operated by the Concord State Library continues its valuable service to the schools and to small libraries. During the year 499 books have been loaned to us in this manner.

Book Week was observed in November with many colorful book displays and posters. Children from the Clark School visited the library at this time.

The Trustees and the Librarian wish to thank Mrs. Virginia Chambers for her interest in placing floral ar-

rangements in the library during the year, particularly at Christmas time.

The circulation this past year has been as follows:

Adult fiction	4031	Juvenile fiction	5989
Adult non-fiction	790	Juvenile non-fiction	1197
Adult magazines	1114	Juvenile magazines	47
Adult total	5935	Juvenile total	7233

Grand total circulation: 13,168

The above figures show that the circulation has increased more than 45% in the past year. This increase I believe is due largely to the cooperation of the teachers and the splendid support of the Board of Trustees. With the steady growth of the town, the schools, and the church, it seems logical to assume that the increased demand on the library will continue. Even now our facilities are inadequate, especially in the juvenile section, and I think we should be giving serious consideration to the problem of expansion.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION U. NELSON,
Librarian.

January 6, 1955.

Treasurer's Report

Herewith the Treasurer's report for 1954:

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1954, cash on hand	$ 333 51
Appropriation	1500 00
Trust Funds — 1952 additional income	83 97
Trust Funds — 1953 additional income	54 92
Trust Funds — 1954 income	215 00
Miscellaneou, gifts, fines and sale books	131 03
	$2318 43

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	$846 09
Magazines	78 97

Salaries	601 25
Lights	36 40
Buildings and grounds	131 60
Fuel	161 35
Supplies	112 80
Upkeep	28 13
December 31, 1954, cash on hand	321 84
	$2318 43

HENRY F. MERRILL,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICES OF THE AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT

The past year has been an active one for the Amherst Municipal Court. The case load has doubled from that of the previous year. The Court notes with regret a steadily increasing number of juvenile matters coming before it, involving offenses not generally associated in the public mind with the activities of minors. Vandalism and more serious charges predominate. These cases, some of them still under jurisdiction of the Court, have been handled in private session. Supervision has been turned over to the New Hampshire Department of Probation.

Motor vehicle cases continue in plentiful numbers. It is a matter of common knowledge that Amherst has witnessed several fatal accidents in the past year. In the judgement of your Justices, these accidents have been the result of excessive speed through the immediate environs of the town, with serious results.

One case involving reckless driving resulting in death, and a companion action involving the same party has resulted in appeals to the Supreme Court on rulings of laws made by your Justices. The Supreme Court has upheld the rulings of the Amherst Municipal Court without exception on all matters appealed to higher authority. It is to be noted however, that one case appealed to the Superior Court was nol prossed by the County Solicitor and the respondent freed without further determination of his cause.

The Justices of your Court feel that the acquisition of some form of radio communication for the police and fire departments should be considered, and to that end, they are willing to devote their salaries toward minimizing the cost of such equipment should the voters desire to acquire it. Radio communication, had it been available during the past year, would have materially

aided the law enforcement authorities in more than one instance to come before this Court.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES J. LINCOLN,
WILLIAM C. VOSE,
Justices.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT
WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Amherst Village District in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Amherst Town Hall in said Amherst on Friday, the eleventh day of March, next at eight of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray District charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To act upon a proposal to transfer the fire alarm system to the Town of Amherst, dependent on favorable action on a similar article at the regular town meeting.

4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

F. TENNEY CLOUGH,
CARL E. PETERSON,
OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
Commissioners of Amherst Village District.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955 Compared to Estimated and Actual Receipts and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

	Estimated 1954	Received 1954	Estimated 1955
Cash on hand Jan. 1	$ 744.50	$ 744.50	$ 1,000.00
Reserve			562.86
Total cash on hand	$ 744.50	$ 744.50	$ 1,562.86
Income water service, prior yr.		$ 1,958.60	$ 1,907.35
Income water service, current yr.	$4,200.00	2,660.58	2,750.00
Total income water service	$4,200.00	$ 4,619.18	$ 4,657.35
Hydrant rental	1,365.00	1,365.00	1,365.00
Precinct tax	6,479.05	6,479.05	*5,657.65
Rebate on insurance		31.00	
Total Receipts	$12,788.55	$13,238.73	$13,242.86

EXPENDITURES

Bonds called and cancelled	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Bond interest	3,285.00	3,285.00	3,150.00
Superintendent's salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Tax Collector's salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Accounting	100.00	50.00	100.00
Meters	300.00	401.52	150.00
Electricity	1,000.00	867.82	1,000.00
Operating supplies & maintenance	300.00	29.83	175.00
Service connections	300.00	221.76	275.00
Water tests (express charges)	10.00	11.20	10.00
Office supplies and printing	50.00	62.69	70.00
Insurance	139.05	128.25	125.00
Advertising	10.00		
Fire alarm maintenance		67.80	75.00
Reserve			562.86
Cash on hand Dec. 31	744.50	1,562.86	1,000.00
Total Expenditures	$12,788.55	$13,238.73	$13,242.86

*To be raised by taxes in 1955

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954	$1,562 86	
Accounts Receivable, including December 31 bills	1,907 35	
Total Current Assets		$3,470 21
Water System	$150,869 31	
Fire Alarm System	6,700 00	
Total Fixed Assets		157,569 31
Total Assets		$161,039 52

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	$143,000 00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	18,039 52
	$161,039 52

ELNA P. HOWARD,
Treasurer.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

The water system is now in its fourth year of operation. The number of water services stands at 131, an increase of 11 during the year. The two year (1953 and 1954) gain is therefore 25 users.

It is anticipated that the coming year will require the installation of another eleven services. Budget figures for meters and connections are based on this estimate. As has been pointed out previously, the system has ample capacity to meet the increasing demands of the district for many years.

Revenue from water services and hydrant rentals is now meeting about 50% of the annual expenditures. Taxes, which supply the remaining receipts, should reflect the increased valuation in the district and diminish slightly.

Article 3 of the district warrant requires consideration of a proposal to transfer the fire alarm system to the town. It is felt that the system will function more effectively from being a part of the Fire Department which is most intimately concerned with its operation. An earlier transfer was not practical since the guarantee period expired only recently.

The State Board of Health continues to report favorably on the water samples submitted periodically.

A program of preventative maintenance is being initiated in order to balance this work over an extended time.

It is requested that the Treasurer be notified by the owner after a real estate transfer in order that the charges may be accurately assessed to the proper party.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
CARL E. PETERSON,
F. TENNEY CLOUGH,
Commissioners.

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers

Kenneth Goodwin, School Board	Term Expires 1955
Curtis Worthen, School Board	Term Expires 1956
Mrs. Dorothy Davis, School Board	Term Expires 1957
Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent
Everett Rockwell	Principal
Mrs. Catherine Kruger	Clerk and Treasurer
Arthur Bonney, Jr.	Moderator
Oscar Burns, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Virginia Gill, R.N.	School Nurse
Mrs. Dorothy Davis	Truant Officer
Mabel I. Connolly	Helping Teacher

School Calendar for 1954-55

Begin	Close
Wed., September 8, 1954	Fri., December 17,1954
Monday, January 3, 1955	Friday, February 18, 1955
Monday, February 28, 1955	Friday, April 22, 1955
Monday, May 2, 1955	Approx. June 17, 1955

Holidays:

October 14-15 — Teachers' Convention
November 25-26 — Thanksgiving
May 30 — Memorial Day

School Calendar for 1955-1956

Begin	Close
Wed., September 7, 1955	Wed., December 21, 1955
Tues., January 3, 1956	Fri., February 17, 1956
Mon., February 27, 1956	Fri., April 20, 1956
Mon., April 30, 1956	Approx. June 13, 1956

Holidays:

October 13-14 — Teachers' Convention
November 24-25 — Thanksgiving
School closes at 12:15 — November 23, 1955
May 30 — Memorial Day

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 4th day of March 1955, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the school district will vote to elect its

officers by an official ballot and to adopt the non-Partisan System as provided in Sections 112 to 120 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws for such elections.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate $500 for the purpose of providing band and/or orchestra instruction in the schools.

11. (By Petition) To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of $400 to commence a planned program of renovating the grounds and outside facilities of the Schools.

12. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 14th day of February 1955.

KENNETH GOODWIN,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS,
CURTIS R. WORTHEN,
School Board.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1954

EXPENDITURES

Current Expenditures	$80,178 14	
Capital Outlay:		
New Equipment	1,752 00	
Architects Fees	2,100 00	
Debt and Interest	7,796 75	
Total Appropriation	———	$91,826 89

RECEIPTS

Trust Funds (Estimate)	$ 430 00	
Other Receipts (Estimate)	1,500 00	
Assessment Required to meet School District Appropriation	89,896 89	
Total Appropriation	———	$91,826 89

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Amherst School District held March 5, 1954 and June 28, 1954.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Clerk of the School District.

REPORT OF TREASURER
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954)

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Treasurer,
In account with the School District of Amherst

Dr.	
Balance as per last report	$ 2,453 86
Board of Selectmen:	
Appropriation as of March 1953	62,593 44
Federal Funds	896 45
Other:	
Income from Trust Funds	568 35
Other Income	11 12
	$66,496 22
Cr.	
Payments on order of School Board	$66,474 73
Cash on hand June 30, 1954	21 49
	$66,496 22

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR

	Working Budget 1954-55		Proposed Budget 1955-56	
Administration:				
1. Salaries of district officers	$ 316.00		$ 316.00*	
2. Superintendent's salary (local share)	661.20		840.00*	
3. Tax for state wide supervision	674.00		742.00*	
4. Salaries of other adm. personnel	796.00		1,000.00*	
5. Supplies and adm. expenses	459.64		520.00*	
		$ 2,906.84		$3,418.00
Instruction:				
6. Teachers' salaries	$34,900.00		$40,650.00	
7. Books and instructional aids	1,060.00		1,228.00	
8. Scholars' supplies	1,380.00		1,535.00	
10. Other instruction expenses	625.00		700.00	
		$37,965.00		44,113.00
Operation of School Plant:				
11. Salaries of janitors	$ 2,700.00		$ 2,800.00	
12. Fuel or heat	1,900.00		2,100.00	
13. Water, light, janitors' supplies	1,200.00		1,250.00	
		$ 5,800.00		6,150.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
14. Repairs and replacements	$ 650.00		$ 2,300.00	
		$ 650.00		2,300.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
15. Health supervision	$ 620.00		$ 643.51	
16. Transportation	8,122.00		10,500.00	
17. Tuition	19,250.00		18,750.00	
18. Special activities	200.00		200.00	
		$28,192.00		30,093.51
Fixed Charges:				
19. Retirement	$ 2,166.56		$ 2,708.84*	
20. Insurance, bonds and expenses	997.74		1,065.48	
		$ 3,164.30		3,774.32

Capital Outlay:				
21. Architect's fees	$ 2,100.00		$ ------	
22. Additions and improvements to bldgs.			1,000.00	
23. New equipment	1,752.00		740.00	
		$ 3,852.00		1,740.00
25. Principal of debt	$ 7,000.00		$ 8,000.00	
26. Interest on debt	796.75		1,203.15	
27. Contingency	1,500.00		1,500.00	
		$ 9,296.75		10,703.15
Total		$91,826.89		$102,291.98
ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:				
Balance	$ 21.49		$ ------	
Trust Funds	430.00		430.00	
Contingency Fund	1,500.00		1,500.00	
State Aid	-------		2,000.00	
		$ 1,951.49		3,930.00
Assessment Needed March 1954		89,896.89		
Assessment Needed March 1955				$99,361.98
Total appropriation		$91,848.38		$102,291.98

*Statutory Obligations

Note: Numbers at the left agree with financial accounting forms approved by State Tax Commission. Omissions indicate that we do not use the omitted columns.

KENNETH GOODWIN,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS
CURTIS R. WORTHEN,
School Board of Amherst.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Since the main task of a school board is of a financial nature, and because you undoubtedly viewed with dismay the final figure in the new budget, we shall touch upon some of the chief reasons for the increase.

The salaries of all personnel of our public schools are on the rise, and will be for the next decade or longer. The basic economic law of supply and demand is very evident with the much-publicized growing number of school children rising, and like the see-saw, the number of trained teachers, supervisors, and superintendents falling alarmingly. In the past the small school systems employed inexperienced and older teachers who for various reasons were content in a small community; we were not competing with the big cities. That situation no longer exists; our salary rates must rise close to that of the cities' or we shall be faced with vacancies on our staff which the superintendent may be unable to fill.

We have included in the item for salaries a new or twelfth teacher. This will mean that every grade from one through eight will have one straight and one combination grade. From a study of the census and the available rooms, we believe that twelve teachers will be sufficient indefinitely. We shall then have a necessary margin of safety for the unknown number of transfers.

While we are on the subject of school population, you must have learned by now that the number of children in the elementary grades is very close to last year's and that the tuition pupils increased by a dozen. In a small community like ours the replacing of several large families by a retired couple or a small family shifts the total in the school surprisingly.

The increase in the cost of living touches our budget in the cost of supplies and books as well as for fuel, lights and janitor supplies.

The item labeled transportation has risen from $8,142.80 to $10,500.00. The increase represents a more realistic approach to the cost of transporting 302 pupils, 210 miles daily. According to Mr. Malcolm Clark, the actual cost of transportation for this year is $10,780. The cost per child for the school year is $26.89.

Practically the same as this year will be the number of tuition pupils to Milford High School, 75 pupils. We are very grateful and appreciative of the attitude the Milford School Board takes in regard to the number of pupils we send. Although there may be 80 in September and 72 in June, our payments are made quarterly for the exact number of pupils for the preceding period.

Under additions and improvements, the board is very desirous of placing as apron a black top 12 to 14 feet deep around the sides of the Clark addition. It is hoped that the border will lessen somewhat the amount of grit and mud tracked into the building.

We recommend for your careful study the reports of Superintendent Bowley and Principal Rockwell as well as the warrant and proposed budget. We urge you to keep abreast of the happenings in Concord at the session of the General Court. Discuss the proposed legislation affecting our schools with our representative, Nelle Holmes. Your board believes Amherst is very fortunate to be made up of interested enlightened citizens whose past support of the schools has been most encouraging. The unavoidable rise in the amount of money needed to run our schools demands continued study and understanding on your part.

KENNETH GOODWIN, Chairman
DOROTHY J. DAVIS, Secretary
CURTIS WORTHEN
Amherst School Board.

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

I herewith present my sixteenth annual report. Statistics printed on succeeding pages also complement this report.

Instruction

We had but two changes from last year, one of which was for a new position which Miss Leona Harmon, formerly of Pittsfield, now holds and the other for the retirement of Miss Bertha L. Piper. Since such worthy recognition and tribute was paid her at a public meeting last Spring, it may be superfluous to add more herewith. However, we wish it to be in print for future generations to note that such a tribute and tokens of appreciation were genuinely manifest. Everyone wishes Miss Piper all the pleasures of Retirement which her years and years of faithful service so justly deserve. Mr. Everett Rockwell of Tuftonboro was chosen to be the new Principal and ably carries on the work in your schools.

I wish to speak a word for the Testing Program and Workshop which the teachers of this Union attended last year. The results were gratifying to this extent that the median of every grade in this Union exceeded the national median except for Grades 8 and 12 and they were exactly at that median. Last year's testing was in the important field of Reading, as to Vocabulary and Comprehension. Now we turn to a testing program this year in Arithmetic.

Costs

The figures of state average costs for tuition purposes are not available at this writing. However, they are freely predicted to be in the vicinity of $200 for elementary and $300 for each secondary pupil. Your tuition costs exclusive of transportation are $250 per pupil.

I anticipate a return to the State Aid column for Amherst. At the same time, there are so many legislative questions yet to be resolved that I cannot give a more accurate estimate. Among these are questions concerning adjustment of the formula as to per pupil aid and to the valuation. However, I have the feeling, with more pupils to be aided and a larger amount set aside for State Aid, that these will work to your advantage this coming Fall.

Deeds

Your two new rooms are very attractive and pleasant. Added to the other two built last year, the Clark and Brick Schools, you now have the plant which your Study Committee suggested. Enrollment remains around the 300 mark. As the Committee stated, "immediate needs" are satisfied.

I commend to your attention the work of a union-wide Committee to revise the various report cards. In all probability, trial runs of their results will be made and your comments sought. This is the first major change for a number of years and parents and teachers are joining hands to produce what will be better understood and to convey what parents and teachers alike need to know about the school work of their children.

Yet to Do

I have recommended an extension of your budget to include Art Instruction one day per week. I cannot speak too strongly to this subject in which creative expression plays so vital a part.

I have also suggested a continuing policy of redecorating classrooms. I would prefer to do a part each year and spread the work over four or five years rather than a complete job every five years.

Closing

This is the type of education we strive to obtain. "A good school helps youth to acquire the basic tools

of learning, to select activities which best prepare them for life, to prepare for, get and hold a job, to maintain mental health and physical fitness, to be a good consumer, to do what is right, to be a good citizen, to be a good family member, to use time wisely." These are some of the goals or outcomes. You may have others. But these aims are not alone for the school – they apply in the home and in other community agencies – wherever the pupil is found. I bespeak the cooperation of all agencies toward the solution of the problems of youth adjustment to our complex society.

My year has been a busy but pleasant one for which I am duly grateful to my associate, Miss Connolly, a diligent teaching staff, a helpful Board and an interested citizenry.

Very respectfully,
HAROLD C. BOWLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

February 5, 1955.

OUR HELPING TEACHER

In the first report of my work in Union No. 40 I attempted to give a description of the Helping Teacher Program then in the process of evolution. At this time I should like to point out a few phases that have been given particular emphasis during the past year and account for their development.

Grouping Within the Classroom

Since there may be found in any classroom such a wide range of abilities and degrees of achievement among the children it is necessary to fit the school program to the needs of the children rather than try to do the impossible — fit the children to the program. To do this effectively, pupils within the classroom are grouped according to their level of achievement, whether above or below grade level, and are thus encouraged to progress at their own rate. Books of different reading levels and other materials must be supplied, and sometimes help given the teacher in determining which group is best for the child.

Guidance

The programs already underway in some schools have been further developed and expanded. In all schools the teachers are aware of the need for pupil guidance and many have made use of the several available facilities whose purpose is to help children with problems or to avoid becoming problems. The most effective guidance is being achieved through teacher-pupil contact, the teacher recognizing the needs of the child and understanding how he may best be helped.

Social Studies

In no other subject field are there such great possibilities for the development of character and citizenship. It is also in this field that most guidance may take place. Teachers are becoming increasingly aware of the many opportunities for growth that form the basis

of the unit approach to social studies and encourage pupil planning and problem solving. The social studies program throughout the union is also becoming unified so that the subject content will be similar and follow a definite sequence. Parents who have visited school and seen the activities which culminate a unit of work are enthusiastic about this newer method of teaching and like the role it is playing in the development of their children.

Reading Readiness

Until the first grade teacher knows each pupil's readiness for reading she cannot successfully launch a good reading program. It often takes two or more months to be certain of the degree of readiness of every pupil. To avoid the loss of this valuable time, reading readiness tests were given to some of the first graders at the very beginning of the school year, or to most of them before school started. The children were then grouped according to their readiness as shown by the test results. Each teacher knew in September what she might expect of nearly every pupil and what were his needs in the five major areas tested: visual, auditory, muscular coordination, articulation, and language. Since this is the first time such tests have been given so early and on a unionwide basis I have followed the organization of the first grades very closely in order to determine whether such a program has merits enough to warrant its repetition. On the whole it has proven quite successful. Its main disadvantage was that a few children did not do as well as they could when tested so early and later had to be regrouped. However, this was more than offset by the following advantages: 1, It allowed those who were ready to read to start immediately, saving approximately two months. 2, It showed just how much preparation was necessary for the other children, and in what areas. 3, It gave not only the teacher but the parents a better understanding of the

child's development. In most cases the parent was with the child while he was being tested, had a chance to see the test results, and to understand exactly what to expect of him. This has meant a welcome relief from the usual pressure placed upon the child who was not ready, but who might without this pressure catch up with the child who scored much higher. 4, We have happy children working up to capacity and interested in what they are doing. This is the most important advantage of all.

No description of the above program would be complete without mentioning the splendid cooperation encountered on the part of all concerned – parents, teachers, principals, members of the school boards, and Mr. Bowley. For their continued confidence and support, I am extremely grateful.

Respectfully,

MABEL I. CONNOLLY,
Helping Teacher.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the School Board, Superintendent of Schools, and Citizens of Amherst:

I present herewith my first annual report of the Amherst Elementary Schools.

We have 292 students in school divided into 11 classes for an average of 26 plus in a room. Three of these classes are double grades and eight are straight. Four of the eleven are carried on in modern classrooms.

Of the eleven teachers, four have taken extension courses the first semester and six are planning to take courses the second. One of your teachers has a master's degree and three more have most of their course work completed. Willingness to advance and to use their individual talents to advance your school is quite evident. Ae we get to know each other, value each other's assets, and realize each other's limitations we will combine them to bond together policies and procedure which, with your aid and understanding, will further develop your school.

Your PTA is sponsoring Hot Lunch, Dental Clinic, Instrumental Music, Nearly New Shop, and many other worthwhile projects. The PTA should be our concern and we should all support it.

From 1929 to 1938 and again in 1953 principal's reports encouraged parents to visit school. Now in 1955 may we extend another invitation. Ask the people who work at Hot Lunch if they don't appreciate the school situation better by their meeting a facet of it there? Parents, PTA, and School must work very closely to get the most gain for your child. We must understand our school well enough to stand under it and support its priceless contribution. This is one thing that made our one-room schools as successful as they were. We have come up with no satisfactory substitute for the closeness of the home and the one-room school.

In 1937 there was a suggestion of a combination

auditorium-gymnasium. I am of the opinion that this should not be a past idea but an idea for the future. Your school should have a place for joint assembly where student productions for other students could be carried on. Greater unity and "esprit de corps" could be developed with a room of this sort. Its development could also enclose the Hot Lunch program closer to the Clark School. More and more people expect Hot Lunch to be part of your school program. The assets of the gymnasium go without saying.

May I express my appreciation to our faculty, School Board, Superintendent Bowley, Miss Connolly, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Clark, PTA, and all parents and citizens of Amherst.

Sincerely,
EVERETT O. ROCKWELL,
Principal.

AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING — MARCH 5, 1954

Meeting called to order by Moderator Arthur Bonney at 8:03 p. m. Rev. Kendall Burgess invoked the blessing.

School Clerk, Catherine A. Kruger, read the Warrant.

Article 1. Arthur Bonney was unanimously elected as Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. Catherine A. Kruger was unanimously elected as Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Mrs. Dorothy J. Davis was elected Member of School Board, three years.

Article 4. Catherine A. Kruger, elected School Treasurer for one year.

Article 5. Kenneth Goodwin moved that this article be passed and considered later under the budget as presented by the School Board. Carried.

Article 6. Dorothy J. Davis moved and it was seconded that the reports of the Special Building Committee be accepted.

Article 7. George H. Howard and Orson H. Bragdon were elected Auditors for the School District.

Article 8. Kenneth Goodwin moved that the District raise and appropriate the sum of $84,077.15 for the support of schools, salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District.

Mr. Malcolm Steele questioned as to how Mr. Goodwin arrived at this total and the explanation was given, but Mr. Goodwin asked to recind his motion and the budget was taken in order as printed in the Town Report pages 8 and 9.

Under Item 14, Kenneth Goodwin moved that $650 be raised and appropriated for repairs in accordance with the report of the Ways and Means Committee. Carried. The roof will not be repaired this coming year.

Article 9. Item 20 of the Budget, Dorothy J. Davis

moved that the District raise and appropriate the sum of $897.54 for insurance on school property and treasurer's bond. Carried.

Article 10. Item 22 and 23 of the Budget, Curtis Worthen moved that the District raise and appropriate the sum of $752.00 for special repairs and equipment. Carried.

Article 11. Richard D. Le May moved that the District raise and appropriate the sum of $2100.00 to cover the architect's fees on the construction of the addition to the Clark School. Carried.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $86,826.89 according to the Budget and architect fees. Carried.

Article 12. Mr. F. Tenney Clough spoke for the Ways and Means Committee, said at the time the Town Report was ready for the printer they did not have enough information to make any recommendation, since then their opinion as a body is disapproval of this article.

Dorothy J. Davis moved to accept the Ways and Means report, it was seconded.

Kenneth Goodwin explained his viewpoint and the stand of the School Board, speaking of unity and their main interest was for the education of the children.

Further appointments of committees were mentioned. F. Tenney Clough asked to have another member of the School Board speak.

Curtis R. Worthen said he felt no immediate need, but if two or four rooms were built they would be used.

Many questions were asked and answered by the School Board.

After much discussion it was moved and seconded that five persons be appointed by the Moderator and School Board to study and investigate the needs for an addition of two or four rooms and bring in that report at an adjourned meeting. Meeting to be May 28th, 1954.

Mr. Arnold Wight made a motion to pass Article 12 until May 28th. Carried.

A motion to have Articles 13, 14 and 15 take same action. Carried.

Article 16. Mr. Donald Stockwell asked to have moderator get the opinion of meeting as to how many children were favored for a classroom. Mr. Otto Neugebauer suggested the Needs Committee bring in a report on this May 28th, 1954.

10:45 p. m., meeting adjourned until May 28th, 1954.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
School Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING – MAY 28, 1954

Meeting called to order by Arthur P. Bonney, Moderator, 8:10 p. m.

Harold H. Wilkins, Sr., lead in prayer.

The Moderator asked Otto Neugebauer to give a report as chairman of the Special Committee on Schools.

Article 12. Mr. Otto Neugebauer moved that Article 12 of the School Warrant be amended to read as follows:

> To see if the District will vote to build and equip a new two-room addition to the Clark School and make necessary improvements to the basement room of the Clark School and take any action relating thereto.

Mr. Creeley S. Buchanan moved to adopt the article as amended. Carried.

Article 13. The Moderator was asked to read Mr. Otto Neugebauer's motion:

> Moved that the District raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand ($23,000.00) dollars for the construction, equipment and furnishing of the two-room addition to the Clark School as voted under Article 12, and that the District authorize the issue of serial

notes or bonds in amount sufficient to permit renegotiation of the presently outstanding serial notes or bonds in the sum of twenty-eight thousand ($28,000.00) dollars upon the credit of the District for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated, and that fifty-one thousand ($51,000.00) dollars be authorized as the limit of said bonds or notes in order to permit said twenty-three thousand ($23,000.00) dollars plus said re-negotiated twenty-eight thousand ($28,000.00) dollars be handled in the same transaction, and to authorize the School Board to determine the terms and conditions upon which said notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale, the time and place of payment of principal in accordance with the municipal bond statute, Revised Laws of N. H. Chapters 72 and 55 as amended.

The check list was used in voting.

Meeting recessed while voting.

Total number of votes cast	137
In favor of resolution	109
Opposed to resolution	28

Carried.

Article 8. Kenneth Goodwin asked to return to this Article of the School Report and moved that the sum of $5000.00 be raised and appropriated to supplement the Budget previously passed, said $5000.00 to cover the additional costs of another teacher, extra operation costs, retirement expense, insurance and new furniture. Carried.

Motion made and seconded, that the Moderator appoint a committee of three, their function to watch the school growth and advise with the School Board and make an annual report at School Meeting in a similar way that Road Commissioners do for the Town. This committee is to serve in an advisory capacity to the School Board. The term of office of this committee

to be three years, two years and one year. As one term expires the office to be filled at the following School Meeting by appointment. Carried.

Motion to adjourn 10:20 p. m.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Clerk.

1954 REPORT OF THE CENSUS-TAKER

Close to 120 miles were covered in the last ten days of August by your census-taker counting the children in town from the babe-in-arms to the eighteen-year-old. More than thirty hours was required to reveal that there are about 594 children as compared to 577 of the previous year; 263 families care for those children instead of the 240 in 1953.

It was learned that several large families had moved away and that the replacements had only one or two children. The national trend of sending children away to private schools is clearly reflected now in Amherst. At present about 18 children are in private schools.

There appears to be a perceptible dip in the expected numbers of first graders for the next four years. In the 1953 census the numbers crowded 40; in 1954, the range was from 34 to 37.

DOROTHY J. DAVIS,
Census Enumerator.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Acting upon the vote taken at the Adjourned School Meeting, May 28, 1954, the Moderator appointed John Duff, Donald Atkinson, Ed Walsh and Peggy Bonney who, with the School Board, served as the Building Committee.

The first meeting of this committee was held on June 15; John Duff was elected chairman, Mrs. Bonney as clerk. Mr. Carl E. Peterson was selected architect at the usual fee for plans, specifications and supervision.

Several meetings followed at weekly intervals to discuss Mr. Peterson's plans. These were let out to contractors, and bids were opened July 30. As all bids exceeded the appropriation of $23,000, Mr. Peterson agreed to negotiate further with the three lowest bidders, Burtt, Sprague, and MacMillan. As Sprague could lower the cost to meet the appropriation, less the architect's fee, he was engaged to build the two new rooms and improve the basement room at Clark School.

With the cooperation and earnest efforts of Mr. Peterson, Sprague Brothers and the Committee, the basement room was ready for Mrs. Kittredge when school opened in the Fall, and the two new rooms were ready in January, after the Christmas vacation. Mrs. Kittredge with the mixed 3-4 grade occupies one, and Miss Boutelle with the fourth grade is in the other.

The Committee welcomed the public to the new addition on Sunday, January 30th when all could see the pleasant and roomy accommodations which our children so sorely needed. These two new rooms fit onto the two rooms we built last year in an efficient manner, leaving arrangements possible to add more as time and the school population require.

The members of the Committee trust that the new addition meets the requirements and merits your approval.

MARGARET KEMPER BONNEY,
Clerk of the Board.

SCHOOL POPULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Because present building space provides ample room for anticipated school population in years 1955 and 1956, the following tabulation shows, only, the current position in relation to figures projected as of January 1953. It will be noted that the abnormally high gain, which showed up a year ago (Item C, Jan. 1954) and which was practically all concentrated in Grade I, has leveled off so that total for Grades I to VIII is only two above that projected for this year (Item D, Jan. 1955). The figures in brackets are those projected for the given date.

It is planned that ensuing reports will include a column showing relationship of population to capacity of space available; they will show projected figures, instead of question marks, in Item A and, if abnormal change in Item A indicates need for closer study, in Item B.

It has been determined that these figures can be kept up-to-date as of each January 15 by making an analysis of births, arrivals, and departures between September 1 and January 15. The regular annual school census taken September 1 makes correction for the rest of the year.

	Sept. 1952	Jan. 1953	Sept. 1953	Jan. 1954	Sept. 1954	Jan. 1955	Sept. 1955	Jan. 1956
A. Pre-School Total	202		210		202		(?)	(?)
B. Next Grade I		43 (43)		36 (38)		39 (31)	(?)	(?)
C. Current Grade I		38 (39)	53 (43)	57 (43)	44 (38)	41 (38)	(31)	(36)
D. Grades I to VIII	253 (246)	253 (246)	281 (280)	294 (280)	303 (290)	292 (290)	(300)	(304)
E. High School Grades IX to XII	51	51	52 (60)	52 (60)	68 (82)	68 (82)	(84)	(84)
F. Private Schools	8	?	4	?	16	18	?	?

ROLAND K. FRASER,
FRANK MURRAY,
ELIZABETH G. HALL.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	$66,496 22
TOTAL PAYMENTS	66,474 73
Cash Balance June 30, 1954	$ 21 49
RECEIPTS IN DETAIL	
Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	$ 869 45
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	62,593 44
From Sources other than Taxation:	
Trust Funds	568 35
Other Receipts	11 12
Total Receipts From All Sources	$64,042 36
Cash on hand July 1, 1953	2,453 86
GRAND TOTAL	$66,496 22

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Kenneth Goodwin, School Board	$75 00	
Curtis Worthen, School Board	75 00	
Dorothy Davis, School Board	75 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, Treasurer	50 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, Clerk	6 00	
Arthur Bonney, Jr., Moderator	6 00	
Orson H. Bragdon, Auditor	2 00	
George H. Howard, Auditor	2 00	
	———	$291 00

2. Superintendent's Salary (local share):

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40	630 00

3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, $2 per capita tax	608 00

4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Dorothy Davis, census enumerator	$ 50 00	
Dorothy Davis, truant officer	25 00	
Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40, Office Clerk	685 42	
	———	760 42

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treas., Supervisory Union No. 40, Office Expenses	$411 24	
Conference, expenses, advertising, printing, etc.	116 51	
	———	527 75

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:

Charlotte A. Boutelle	$2700 00
Rachel Brown	2488 00
Lionel E. DeLacey	2600 00
Pauline Gordon	2900 00
Sarah Greenhalgh	2700 00

Elma Kittredge	2700 00	
Mary McGee	2900 00	
Charlotte Mellen	27 00	
Margaret Moser	27 00	
Mrs. Randolph Page	81 00	
Dorothy Paire	1695 55	
Bertha L. Piper	3400 00	
Harry J. Sanborn	2700 00	
Lottie Stevenson	261 00	
Elsie F. Wheeler	400 00	
Barbara Williams	1059 30	
	———	*28,638 85

*This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield	$ 376.50
Income Tax	3839.90
Retirement	2240.98
Insurance	174.60

7. Textbooks:

Elementary	820 49

8. Scholars' Supplies:

Elementary	836 71

10. Other Expenses of Instruction:

Catherine Hammond, lip-reading	$160 00	
Other Expenses	330 57	
	———	490 57

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salary of Janitor:

William S. Wells	*2,100 00

*This amount includes $73.20 deducted for income tax.

12. Fuel or Heat	1,279 40
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	1,106 71

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Repairs and Replacements	1,028 91

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES		
15. Health Supervision		522 02
16. Transportation:		
High School	$1492 80	
Elementary	4950 00	
		6,442 80
17. Tuition:		
Milford School District		13,107 30
18. Other Special Activities:		
School Lunch	$869 45	
Other Special Activities	226 04	
		1,095 49
FIXED CHARGES		
19. Retirement		1,998 85
20. Insurance		993 84
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
21. Lands and New Buildings		788 00
22. Additions and Improvements to Bldgs.		700 28
23. New Equipment:		
Lynch's Sports Equip. Comany	$144 85	
Acme Window Shade & Venetian Blind Co.	201 65	
Scott, Foresman and Company	12 84	
Seamans Supply Company	8 07	
Paris Manufacturing Company	778 16	
John C. Duff Company	134 00	
		1,279 57
26. Interest on Debt		427 77
TOTAL PAYMENTS		$66,474 73

BALANCE SHEET – JUNE 30, 1954

ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1954	$ 21 49	
Net Debt (excess of liabilities over assets)	34,978 51	
Total		$35,000 00

LIABILITIES

Notes and Bonds Outstanding	$35,000 00	
Total		$35,000 00

DOROTHY DAVIS,
KENNETH GOODWIN,
CURTIS WORTHEN,
School Board.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Brick School	$51,000 00
Annex (Park St. Bldg.)	6,500 00
Clark School	48,500 00
Contents	8,000 00
Total	$114,000 00

STATISTICS FOR 1953-54

Number of half-days in session	348
Whole number of different pupils registered:	
Boys 170; Girls 144 Total	314
Enrollment by Grades:	
I-61; II-43; III-37; IV-44; V-39;	
VI-34; VII-26; VIII-30; Total	314
Average daily membership	234.5
Per cent of attendance	94.1
Number not absent nor tardy during school year	25
Number of visits made to schools by:	
Helping Teacher	181
Superintendent of Schools	49
Number of School Board meetings held	12

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Junior High: Bill Batchelder, Carolyn Davis, Linda Merrill, Gordon Murray, Elizabeth Seamans, Vivian Jutras, Theodore Kelley, Sandra Mack, Judy Relation.

Grade VI: Donald Kelley, John Liljeberg, Beryl Murray, Judy Page.

Grade V: Carol Blair.

Grade IV: Richard Merrill.

Grade III: Gary Burgess, Arthur Fraser, Joseph Martel.

Grade II: Brian Beach, Cynthia Hill, William Martel.

Grade I: Leonard Martel, Glorilyn Sanford, Wayne Balcom, Allan Forsyth.

AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL JUNE, 1954

Jacqueline Bartlett
Raymond Brown
Ronald Gatchell
Jane Heckman
Patricia Howard
Sandra Piper

AMHERST TUITION PUPILS — 1954-1955

GRADE XII

Harry Bartlett
Preston Davis
Penelope Dunbar
Nancy Hauser
Barbara Herlihy
Georgena Howard
Charles Levesque
Blanche Roy
Alice Sliney
David Sliney
Cynthia Smith
Rebekah Stenke
Newton Stockwell
Frederick Vatcher

GRADE XI

Avis Boutelle
Richard Brown
Judith Eaton
Carl Fraser
Edward French
Evelyn Huntington
Philip Gile
Mildred Holland
Winona Holland
Marjorie Jackson
Lucille Levesque
Loretta MacDurphy
Daniel McCreary
Elizabeth Murray
Carol O'Connor
Brita Page
William Sweezy
Gerald Wilkins

GRADE X

Joseph Anderson
Richard Arnold
Hazel Bartlett
Alvin Clark
Donald Clough
Marion Flandreau
Ruth Gendron
Barry Hammond
Kay Hauser
Patricia Herlihy
Marcia Houck
Donald Kennerson
Carol Marsh
James McCreary
Sally Spooner
Patricia Stockwell

GRADE IX

William Batchelder
Joan Blair
Crystal Burgess
Anne-Marie Dube
A. Ronald Frye
Ethelyn Grant
Marilyn Green
John Hanlon
Clematis Jones
Ronald Marsh
Russell Mayhew
Linda Merrill
Choral Murray
Gordon Murray
Arthur Nichols
Ronald Piper
Jane Rooney
Elizabeth Seamans

Dirke Le May
Gertrude Lenane
Gerard Liljeberg
Robert Levesque
Bernard Sliney
Joan Sweeney
Doris Umenhoffer
Carolyn Davis

AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM EIGHTH GRADE – JUNE, 1954

William Batchelder
Andrew Berwick
Joan Blair
Crystal Burgess
Carolyn Davis
Ronald Frye
Ethelyn Grant
Marilyn Green
John Hanlon
Clematis Jones
Dirke Le May
Gertrude Lenane
Robert Levesque
Gerald Liljeberg
Ronald Marsh
Linda Merrill
Choral Murray
Gordon Murray
Arthur Nichols
Barbara Parker
Ronald Piper
Glenna Rooney
Elizabeth Seamans
Leo Sliney
Joan Sweeney
Doris Umenhoffer
Russell Mayhew
Anne Marie Dube

TEACHERS (1954-55)

Name of Teacher	Subject or Grade Taught	Experience Here	Total Experience
Boutelle, Charlotte	Grade IV	29	31
Brown, Rachel (Mrs.)	Grade I	4½	7½
DeLacey, Lionel	Grades V & VI	2	2
Gordon, Pauline (Mrs.)	Grade V	4	15
Greenhalgh, Sarah (Mrs.)	Grade II	6	10
Harmon, Leona	Grade VI	1	7
Kittredge, Elma (Mrs.)	Grades II & III	4	10
McGee, Mary (Mrs.)	Grade III	10	16
Paire, Dorothy (Mrs.)	Grades I & II	1½	16
Rockwell, Everett	Principal, Grades VII & VIII	1	7
Sanborn, Harry	Grades VII & VIII	4	4
Wheeler, Elsie F.	Music, Grades I - VIII	21	23

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1953-54

Oscar Burns, M.D., School Physician
(Mrs.) Gloria Maguire, R.N., School Nurse

The Total Number of Children Examined: 287

The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective tonsils & adenoids	60	7
Defective teeth	67	60
Defective lung	1	1
Orthopedic	7	2
Defective vision	7	3
Defective skin	1	1

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases Reported:

Chicken pox	8
Measles	3
Mumps	1
Pediculosis	5
Impetigo	2
Conjunctivitis	1

ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 15, 1955
GRADES I - VIII

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Grade I	44								44
Grade II		45							45
Grade III			40						40
Grade IV				34					34
Grade V					42				42
Grade VI						37			37
Grade VII							27		27
Grade VIII								23	23
Totals	44	45	40	34	42	37	27	23	292
Boys	27	31	19	21	18	27	17	10	170
Girls	17	14	21	13	24	10	10	13	122

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS
September 1954
Mrs. Dorothy Davis Enumerator

Age as of Sept. 1, 1954	Total	Boys	Girls	Attending Public School	Attending Private or Parochial School
Under 1	27	11	16		
1	35	16	19		
2	48	30	18		
3	30	16	14		
4	39	20	19		
5	39	25	14	13	
6	43	29	14	43	
7	44	23	21	44	
8	31	17	14	31	
9	45	24	21	44	1
10	37	19	18	36	1
11	44	27	17	40	2
12	24	12	12	24	
13	28	13	15	26	2
14	26	12	14	23	3
15	26	11	15	24	1
16	18	8	10	10	1
17	18	6	12	11	3
18	9	5	4	1	
Totals	611	324	287	370	14

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date and Place	*Names*	*Name and Station of Person Officiating*
1952		
June 28, Milford	Clarence H. Adams Bernice Janette Cobleigh	E. M. Jones Clergyman
1953		
June 6, Milford	Carroll Woodbury Hall, Jr. Cecile Lucienne Parent	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
1954		
Jan. 2, Amherst	Arthur William Burtchell Nancy Louise Oldham	Kendall B. Burgess Clergyman
Feb. 13, Nashua	John Joseph Grigas Minerva Augusta Carter	Joseph Bucevicius Catholic Priest
Feb. 13, Milford	Russell Burns Kimball Alberta Lulu Adams	E. M. Jones Clergyman
Feb. 21, Milford	Orson Herbert Bragdon, Jr. Caroline Elizabeth Paige	E. M. Jones Clergyman
Mar. 29, Amherst	William John Raymond Irene Agnes Wetherbee	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Apr. 7, Amherst	John Paul Abramson Lynn Marie Daigle	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Apr. 10, Bethlehem, Pa.	Edwin Austin Arnold Mae Louise Kressly	Raymond E. Fuessle Clergyman
Apr. 23, Amherst	Herbert W. Leighton Marion E. Lyon	Maurice E. Barrett Clergyman
Apr. 24, Amherst	Delbert E. Lowe Norma E. Sullivan	Maurice E. Barrett Clergyman
May 19, Amherst	Richard John Elliott Mary Louise Bonney	Harold R. Andersen Clergyman
May 23, Amherst	Edward Gerald Dougan Anita Theresa Stackpole	Maurice E. Barrett Clergyman
May 23, Amherst	Kenneth J. Frado Marcia G. Dougan	Maurice E. Barrett Clergyman
May 27, Amherst	Clarence William Davis Pauline Louise Hobart	Hermon W. Anderson Justice of the Peace
June 5, Amherst	David William Worrad Ruth Ivah Long	Maurice E. Barrett Clergyman
June 7, Wilton	Herbert Thomas Hodge, Jr. Phoebe Jane Batchelder	E. A. Murphy Catholic Priest
June 19, Amherst	Raymond Elmer Barr Madeline Grace Johnson	Maurice E. Barrett Clergyman
July 3, Amherst	Albert H. Pixley Constance E. Daggett	Harold R. Andersen Clergyman
Aug. 5, Manchester	Herbert Drayton Webster Marjorie Louise Blair	Charles B. McLaughlin Justice of the Peace
Aug. 27, Amherst	John William Marlatt Janet Barbara Spillman	Gordon J. Kirk Clergyman
Aug. 28, Milford	Frederick Alphonse Carkin Virginia May Miner	Kendall B. Burgess Clergyman
Sept 4, Milford	William C. Annis Evelyn Frances Hartshorn	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date and Place	*Name of Child*	*Name of Father*	*Maiden Name of Mother*
Jan. 2, Manchester	Beth Allison	Donald Allan Handy	Martha Lois Duncan
Jan. 2, Manchester	Shauna Lorell	Laurence Joseph Landry	Mary Barbara Hallowell
Jan. 17, Manchester	Thomas	Richard Charles Rosswaag	Margaret Mae Melanson
Feb. 9, Nashua	Steven	Maurice Diekstein	Rita Souriolle
Mar. 7, Nashua	James Walter	Donald Richard Frost	Edna Lee Smith
Mar. 19, Medford, Mass.	Loring Allyn	Curtis Astor Prest	Barbara Johnson
Apr. 1, Nashua	Wendy Lynne	Richard L. Burgeson	Laurette Elaine Vateher
Apr. 11, Nashua	Charles Kyle	Joseph Kyle Perkins	Helen Barnard
Apr. 13. Manchester	Sandra Lee	Robert Andrew Raymond	Betsey Rand Abbott
Apr. 20, Groton, Mass.	Genevieve Eldora	Frank A. Reid	Mabel V. Durrell
May 6, Peterboro	Daniel Peter	Keith Alexander Noble	Ruth Frances Lane
May 14, Manchester	Nancy Page	Donald M. Stockwell	Dorothy E. Shapland
May 20, Goffstown	Ricky Gordon	Jay Leon Kennett, Jr.	Rachel Pearl Morse
May 23, Nashua	Karen Lynne	Ralph Carl Schult	Betty Louise Stow
June 23, Nashua	James Wainwright	Charles Wainwright Stickney	Edith May Bartlett
June 24, Nashua	Carol Joyce	Clayton Richard Estey	Sylvia Verne Allgrove
June 29, Nashua	Marilyn Jean	Reginald Guy Walker, Jr.	Norma Jean Gerry
July 2, Nashua	George Charles, Jr.	George Charles Grassett	Arline Edith Perham
July 14, Nashua	Gayle Elizabeth	George E. Anderson	Clara Louise McCann
Aug. 13, Nashua	Jennifer	Lawrence A. Carlsmith	Dorothy Ann Libby
Sept. 4, Nashua	Kathie Therese	Laurice Leon Allen	Joan Elinora Levesque
Sept. 27, Boston	Sally Jan	C. Clark Stewart	Betty Ferguson
Oct. 11, Nashua	Hildy Grace	Arne Ingemar Weimont	Norma Ruth Tillison
Oct. 25, Nashua	Erik Neil	Walter Otto Hansen	Dorothy Ann Bryant
Oct. 30, Boston	John Hopkins III	John Hopkins Morison	Olga de Souza Dantas
Nov. 20, Manchester	Stephen Lincoln	Robert Philip MacLeod	Irene Merle Rocktaschel
Nov. 24, Manchester	Suzanne	John Eric Peterson	Elaine Chandler Page
Nov. 24, Manchester	Patricia Anne	Donald Oliver Young	Marion Grace Macklin
Dec. 10, Manchester	Cynthia Diane	George William Thorell	Shirley Verna Morrill
Dec. 15, Amherst	Nelson Sheris	Wilfred Joseph Simoneau	Elizabeth Doris Martel
Dec. 27, Nashua	Thomas William	Arthur Charron	Catherine V. Buckley

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date and Place	*Name of Deceased*	*Age*	*Name of Father*	*Name of Mother*
Jan. 6, Amherst	Robert E. Sanford	70	George E. Sanford	Susan Greene
Jan. 14, Manchester	Charles A. Wheeler	69	John E. Wheeler	Pamelia Emery
Jan 29, Amherst	William Henry Dixon	70	Edward Dixon	Susan Wertz
Feb. 8, Amherst	Donald Alfred Townes	20	Alfred Townes	Nellie Long
Feb. 15, Amherst	Ralph Finley Fisk	74	Homer Fisk	Glendora ————
Feb. 28, Amherst	Richard Daniel Savitt	18	Milton Savitt	Eileen Gillen
Apr. 5, Amherst	Helen Laura Truesdell	65	James H. Banks	Corrinne Marston
June 13, Milford	Bess Whittle	69	Charles P. Bryant	Clara Paige
Nov. 26, Lowell, Mass.	Arthur L. Daniels	54	Joseph Daniels	Rosa ————
Dec. 21, Amherst	Arthur Josiah Fletcher	72	Horace F. Fletcher	Annie E. Brown
Dec. 22, Amherst	Lionel William Vallier	45	Theophile Vallier	Winnifred ————
Dec. 23, Milford	Eugene Irving Adams	58	John Adams	Leila Davis

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

Date and Place	*Name of Deaceased*	*Age*	*Cemetery*
Jan. 7, Lowell, Mass.	Edna N. Hutchinson Joyce	63	Meadowview
Feb. 10, Lowell, Mass.	Lillian T. Gainey	78	St. Patrick's
Feb 15, Manchester	Baby Fisher		Meadowview
Mar. 20, Concord	Ella Donaghy	84	Meadowview
June 23, Nashua	Gennaro Sacco	68	St. Patrick's
Aug. 31, Nashua	Charles J. Ansaldo	52	St. Patrick's
Sept. 1, Nashua	John Place	68	St. Patrick's
Sept. 4, Medford, Mass.	Leslie P. Hinds	63	Meadowview
Oct. 1, Fitchburg, Mass.	Henry G. Shaughnessy	49	St. Patrick's
Oct. 21, Nashua	Cecil C. Perkins	53	Meadowview
Dec. 9, Manchester	**Frank A. Hebert**	65	Meadowview
Dec. 12, Somerville, Mass.	Abraham Fitton	82	Meadowview

One of the most important records of the town is the Vital Statistics, not only for today but for years to come. When giving information for records be sure you give your correct address as well as mailing address. This information may be of great use to you or your descendants at some future time and a great help to this office today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief so far as the information has been furnished by the reporting persons.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Amherst, N H.:

I herewith submit my annual report as Health Officer for the year ending January 1, 1955.

The usual type of complaint has been made – generally of minor importance and without foundation.

It is quite reasonable to expect complaint of infringement of rights although misunderstanding is the cause of same in most instances.

The number one complaint is the spreading of fertilizer and the disposal of the same. This is a "Perennial Type of Complaint" and does demand tactful remedy.

It is desired that the menace on the Swamp road might be remedied – however this is a problem which can not be solved by the health department alone as it involves every department of town.

The contagious and infectious diseases are cared for without a great deal of effort as the school nurse and the family physician report the same immediately and according to state law.

It is certainly noteworthy to state that not one suggestion of fault has been registered regarding the water supply of Amherst.

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR BURNS, M.D.,
Health Officer.

February 5, 1955.

Cover Picture

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AMHERST, N. H.

The 125th anniversary of the First Baptist Church was observed on July 4, 1954, with an appropriate church service.

Early meetings were held in the fall of 1828 when fourteen sturdy farmers living on Chestnut Hill gathered to support the organization and break away from the established rule of church. These men were pioneer settlers whose names are still retained in Amherst.

The next year, July 2, 1829, the little band of Baptist farmers was reorganized by a meeting at Amherst of a council of the Baptist churches of Milford and surrounding sections.

Meetings continued to be held at Chestnut Hill homes and at the schoolhouse. In 1837, because of increasing memberships from the Plain the association started holding meetings at Amherst village and four years later occupied the Unitarian Church, or what was known as the Christian Society. Later by ownership of two-thirds of the pews, the church property became the full property of the Baptist Association and so has remained.

The church edifice was built in 1835 by fifty contributors at a cost of $3,139.88 and was known as the Christian Society.

On April 7, 1844, it became the property in full of the Baptist Association and was incorporated April 1, 1902, as the First Baptist Church of Amherst.

The meeting house remains much the same as when built but improvements have been made from time to time. It is a well preserved type of the early New England houses of worship.

The first preacher was Rev. Simon Fletcher and the present pastor is Rev. Harold Andersen, a graduate of Gordon College in Boston, Massachusetts.